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CUSTOMS ACTION.

PORT OF CANTON CLOSED.

ILLEGAL SEIZURES.

Following a strongly-worded letter of protest to the Canton Government in reference to strike picket interference, amounting to an ultimatum, Canton as a shipping port has been closed in effect as from to-day by order of Colonel F. Hayley Bell, the Commissioner of Customs at Canton, acting presumably under instructions from the Inspector-General at Peking.

Col. Hayley Bell has refused to issue permits for the transit of cargo from ship to shore or shore to ship, vessels of every nationality being included in the embargo. No vessel on the Canton run left Hongkong to-day.

The interference by armed boycott pickets with the proper working of the Customs has been going on for months, but the incident which has, it is stated, brought matters to a head concerned the seizure of goods of five nations before they had passed through the Customs House.

The step of closing the port has been taken after many similar seizures have been allowed to pass, not without protest, but without definite action, and the suspension will remain in force until cargo illegally removed by the pickets has been returned to the Customs for proper examination and assessment of duty, and until the Canton authorities make some real effort to enforce Customs Regulations at the port of Canton. The Commissioner of Customs is understood to have prepared to issue clearance to all vessels prepared to leave without discharging their cargoes, but no entering vessel, no matter its nationality, will be permitted to discharge either cargo or passengers' baggage. Vessels will be allowed to enter, but permission to work cargo or to allow passengers to take away their personal baggage will be withheld.

Absence of normal communication between Hongkong and Canton renders it extremely difficult to obtain the full facts, but we are given to understand that the Customs House will remain open and that imports already discharged and exports now at the Customs Clearance House will be dealt with in the usual way.

A Telegraph representative call on the Colonial Secretary this morning, but he was informed that the Hongkong Government was unable to issue any statement in the matter, since it was entirely outside their sphere. The local Customs officials were unable to make any announcement on the subject for the same reason.

NEW SOLICITOR.

MR. A. O'DONOGHUE
ADMITTED.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Albert O'Donoghue applied to be admitted and enrolled a solicitor.

The Attorney General, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, said Mr. O'Donoghue was admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court in Ireland in April, 1917. He had deposited with the Registrar his certificate of admission, and had also filed papers of identification.

In granting the application, His Lordship said he did so with pleasure.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT.

MR. W. J. WILKINSON
PASSES AWAY.

SUDDEN ILLNESS.

An extremely well-known figure has passed away by the sudden death of Mr. W. J. Wilkinson, overseer of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., which took place last evening. The deceased gentleman yesterday went up to Macao on a pleasure trip and on returning complained of feeling unwell. He went immediately to bed, and within about twenty minutes he had passed away. It is believed from heart failure, at his residence, 25, Praya East.

The late Mr. Wilkinson had been a resident of the Colony for some thirty years. His original name was John Wilkinson, which he joined in 1888. He was one of the batch which later became known as "The Forty Thieves," these including several who later became police officers. It was in 1901 that Mr. Wilkinson left the Police Department, with which he served for some sixteen years, retiring on pension as chief warder. He then joined the Land Investment Company as overseer, which position he held up to the time of his death. He was a man of sterling character and was most popular with all who enjoyed his friendship.

The deceased leaves a widow and twelve children—eight sons and four daughters, all of whom, excepting the eldest son and the youngest daughter are at present in the Colony. The two latter are at present in London and are shortly due back in Hongkong. The deceased also leaves no fewer than fourteen grand-children. With the family the greatest sympathy will be felt in their sudden bereavement.

WATER SUPPLY.

EXAMINATION URGED.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. Koch will move the following resolution: "This Board is of opinion that the routine bacteriological examination of the potable waters of the Colony should be made at not less frequent intervals than one week, and respectfully requests that the authorities give directions accordingly."

INDUSTRIES FAIR.

BIG SUCCESSES AT LONDON
AND BIRMINGHAM.

Rugby, Feb. 21.

The second and final week of the British Industries Fair, two sections of which are being held simultaneously at the White City, London, and Birmingham, begins to-morrow, after the first week which has produced very satisfactory results.

Many thousands of trade buyers from over 40 different countries and from all parts of the United Kingdom have visited both sections, and many large orders were placed, while a large number of new accounts have been opened. The value of goods already ordered at the London section alone exceeds £1,000,000, and many enquiries have been received which it is expected will lead to business. During the past week over 23,000 people have visited the London Fair as compared with 10,000 during the first week of the Fair held in London in 1924.

The Prince of Wales is visiting the Birmingham Fair on Tuesday, where the attendance and business have also been very considerable. —British Wireless.

MURDER TRIAL.

WEI HAI WEI CONSTABLE
IN DOCK.

INDIAN SHOT.

The Criminal Sessions opened this morning, when the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, had before him the case in which a Wei-haiwei police constable is alleged to have killed, by shooting with a revolver, an Indian constable, on the Volunteer Parade Ground on the evening of January 22nd.

In outlining the facts, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg produced a plan of the Parade Ground, and photographs, showing exactly where the alleged shooting took place. After explaining the plans and photographs, he said both the Indian and the defendant were members of the Police Force, and the alleged shooting took place about three yards inside the entrance to the Parade Ground, at approximately 9.45 p.m. At that time a lamp, shown in the photographs, was lit, and the scene was brightly illuminated. It was a matter of some slight importance that at the time there was very little traffic of either pedestrians or vehicles, along Lower Albert Road.

The Indian was detailed to fill a special post on the Parade Ground, and the defendant was on a beat, which required that each time he passed the Volunteer ground, he saw the Indian to make sure that he was still at his post. Both of the men carried revolvers in their holsters, and were also armed with truncheons. At 9.30 p.m. the Indian was visited by an officer, and everything was all right then. About ten minutes after, the defendant came along on his beat, and approached the Indian, inside the entrance to the Volunteer ground. At the time, there was no other person present, and they had to look to the statements made by the defendant, as to what occurred, as the Indian did not make any statement on that night or subsequently. A quarrel took place between them, which resulted in a quarrel and fight, in the course of which the Indian was shot by a bullet from the revolver of the defendant.

The defendant reported the matter to a traffic constable who was on duty just below the tram station, and said a man had been shot, but unintentionally.

When the spot was visited, the Indian was found lying on his face on the ground, with his arms outstretched. His turban was lying two or three yards away, unwrapped. His truncheon was in his pocket, and his revolver in his holster, which was buttoned up. He was still alive, but when he was taken to the Police Station he was found life was extinct.

The defendant had stated that the Indian asked him if he had seen the Inspector and when he replied in the negative, the Indian said "Then why the devil haven't you?" That started a row which resulted in the shot being fired. The bullet entered the Indian's left side, and, pursuing a slight upward tendency, lodged in the right hip.

Continuing, Mr. Hazlerigg said the defendant, who was still at large then, explained to an interpreter that the Indian struck him after asking him whether he had seen the Inspector or not, tried to take his truncheon away, and also tried to get his (defendant's) revolver to fire at him. Mr. Hazlerigg asked the jury to bear in mind that the Indian had a revolver of his own, which was fully loaded, and he could have drawn it. The defendant added, when speaking to the interpreter, (Continued on Page 6.)

CHINESE OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENT.

CHANGES IN LAST 18
YEARS.

DR. WU'S OBSERVATION.

Writing under date of the 18th inst., the Telegraph Singapore correspondent says:—Dr. Wu Lien-teh, the head of the Chinese medical service at Peking, who was born at Penang, and who received his medical training in England at the expense of the Straits Government, has some interesting things to say about Malaya as he saw the country during his recent visit here. When he left to seek his fortune in China eighteen years ago, gambling was still a source of revenue in the F.M.S., and opium still is, both up country and in the Straits Settlements, although we recently took somewhat drastic steps to rid ourselves of that reproach. Dr. Wu very truly says that the Chinese in Malaya are more at home here, and take a greater pride in the commercial and civic life of the country, than in any other country to which Chinese have emigrated, and he gives some astonishing instances of the realised opportunities which are to be found here for Asiatics with business enterprise and energy.

One very interesting remark made by Dr. Wu referred to the excessive drinking of brandy and whisky indulged in by "even the brightest of Straits Chinese." It is a fact that the Chinese are acquiring a taste for the strong beverages introduced by the European community which can scarcely be viewed with equanimity, and if this is a result of the high price of opium—intentionally kept at its present level in order to reduce consumption—the opium policy followed in this country has one serious flaw which was not anticipated.

Another point which attracted the professional attention of our visitor was the increase in diseases of the G.P.I. group (general paralysis of the insane) among the Straits Chinese, but he is uncertain whether this is due to a severer type of venereal disease or to over-indulgence in food and alcohol. No doubt, both are responsible, but the findings of the Venereal Disease Commission, which were as sensational as could be imagined, indicate which is the more deadly enemy of the Straits Chinese.

ROBBERY SEQUEL.

FOUR MEN CHARGED.

The arrival of a representative of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at the first floor of No. 498, Nathan Road, on January 15, interfered with the activities on the floor of a gang of armed robbers, who, on hearing the new-comer knocking at the door, rushed out, colliding with the visitor, who was injured as the result of a fall. Prior to leaving the floor, one of the amahs was stabbed in the hand.

Arising out of these incidents, a raid was carried out in two different houses in Yaumatei on Thursday, and four men were arrested. They appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, charged with being concerned in the robbery.

It was stated that a school teacher, who resided in an adjoining flat, was implicated in the robbery, but was not being charged.

The defendants were all remanded for one week.

MALAYA WEALTH.

TIN STILL HOLDS THE
FIELD.

EXPERT'S REPORT.

Any popular illusions that may exist as to the mineral wealth of Malaya, apart from tin, are says the Telegraph Singapore correspondent effectively dispelled by a geological expert employed by the F.M.S. Government in an interesting article contributed to the journal of the local branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, in the course of which he enumerates some two hundred minerals, only one or two of which occur in sufficient quantities to be of commercial value. Indeed, considering the vast coal and oil resources of Sumatra, and the oil wells in Borneo, this country does not seem to have its fair share of the minerals of the Archipelago, although that is perhaps an ungrateful remark, in view of the fact that the fine roads and railways in the Federated States were made possible by the revenue derived from tin in the days before rubber was thought of.

There is one coalfield in the Peninsula, and the output is about 300,000 tons per annum, but the very profitable monopoly held by the Malayan Collieries Company would be seriously threatened if the fields in Sumatra and Borneo were to be exploited to any extent, the latter coal being of a much superior quality, but transport has hitherto been the great difficulty. Incidentally, it was a coalfield in Borneo which gave rise to the most sensational litigation in local legal history. A Dutch syndicate sold this property to the Malayan Collieries Company, or, rather, to the firm which acted as agents and secretaries of this Company. This firm did not reveal to the Malayan Collieries shareholders the fact that they had bought the property themselves and re-sold to the company at a profit of nearly \$2,000,000, but a pertinacious gentleman named Peck discovered the nature of the transaction from the balance sheet, sued the agents in question, and secured the return of the firm's profits, the judge holding that since the chairman of this firm was also the managing director of the colliery company, and his firm were the managing agents of the company, the defendants should have bought directly for the company, and not made these enormous profits out of the transaction. The brick dropped by Mr. Peck into these troubled waters spread ripples which did not end there, however, for the circumstances under which this mine in Borneo was bought and sold have led to further litigation branching out in diverse unexpected directions, and the last echo of the affair has only just been heard in the Singapore courts.

OIL, IRON AND MANGANESE.

But I have digressed from the subject of Malayan minerals. It was a surprise to find that a Japanese concern is exporting 20,000 tons of haematite (iron ore) a month from a mine in Johore, but the fact that they can only get ten yen per ton for it in Japan at present probably explains why another deposit, which has two million tons of good ore above surface drainage level and possibly another four and a half million beneath it is not being exploited. Another Japanese company is operating a manganese mine away up in Trengganu, and this seems to have good prospects.

As for gold, this is found a little in the country, but no fortunes are likely to be made out of it in Malaya. A company was formed several years ago to operate a gold mine in Kelantan, and some exceedingly rich nuggets were brought down to Singapore to delight the eyes of the shareholders, but the dreams of wealth which they inspired did not come true. There are abandoned alluvial workings in many localities, and the Malays sometimes return to them when the rice crops are poor.

THE FRENCH FINANCE PROBLEM.

APPROVAL OF NEW
TAXATION.

BALANCING BUDGET.

Paris, Feb. 21.

The Finance Committee of the Senate has adopted the tax on exports passed by the Chamber and rejected a motion to send back the Finance Bill to the Chamber with a request for the Chamber to make up the difference between the sums voted and those required by the Treasury. The Committee then, at the request of the Government, adopted by twenty-two votes with eight abstentions, the tax payment which the Chamber had rejected.

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FIVE THOUSAND MILLION FRANCS.

Later.

The Finance Committee of the Senate has passed the whole of the Finance Bill.

The taxation voted by the Committee is as follows:—Firstly, 1,600,000,000 francs already voted by the Chamber, and secondly, 3,355,000,000 francs which the Government submitted to the Chamber and afterwards asked the Senate Committee to restore; thus making a total of 4,955,000,000 francs.

The Minister of Finance will now ask the Chamber to vote 400,000,000 from the increase in the Customs duties, but he does not need to ask legislative sanction to take over the 200,000,000 resulting from the sale of old stocks.

Thus, the 5,355,000,000 which M. Doumer regards as necessary to balance the Budget for 1926, should be assured.—Reuter.

"WHITE AUSTRALIA."

POLICY THREATENED BY
FRENCH ACTION.

Melbourne, Feb. 21.

The Reverend Patou, who has been a Missionary in the New Hebrides for 34 years, says the French are importing Asiatics wholesale to their Pacific possessions. Australians must protest against this or they will be forced to abandon the White Australia policy.—Reuter.

BUSH FIRES.

BURNING ON 100 MILE FRONT.

Sydney, Feb. 21.

A message from Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. says that five bush fires have now linked up and are burning along a front of 100 miles, threatening a large area of valuable mountain timber, and numbers of sheep and cattle in the Tumbarumba Mountains.—Reuter.

but the amount of gold which they obtain is not enough to induce them to keep at the work.

Despite many rumours, there does not appear to be any chance of Malaya rivaling Miri in the matter of oil. There are undoubtedly oil shales in the tertiary coal beds, but we are told flatly that "there appears to be no evidence of oil being stored in large quantities in natural reservoirs in the rocks of the Malay Peninsula. Escapes from marsh gas from the decaying vegetation in coastal alluvium have been responsible for some of the rumours, but none of the bores so far put down have yielded any oil."

BANDIT POLICY.

IN COMPETITION WITH
PICKETS.

METHODS COMPARED.

The activity of the boycott pickets in Kwangtung has had the effect of inducing bandits to form into large groups in order to permit the landing of goods at various points where there are no troops stationed, and to provide escorts for such goods to their destinations. For these services they make charges which, however, are said to be lower than the exactions of the pickets.

The bandits assert that whilst the pickets endeavour to stop supplies coming in and thus stifle trade, the reverse policy is followed by the bandits. Moreover, the pickets by their operations cause a loss to the authorities of the lekin revenue, whereas the bandits pay the transit and lekin dues. Further, the pickets make money for themselves but inflict losses on the merchants.

Illustrating the losses suffered by the commercial classes, it is stated that goods have been detained in the godowns by the pickets for many weeks in some instances. This has led the merchants to protest against the arbitrary actions of the pickets, and the Canton Government is said to have taken the matter up with the boycott leaders.

This matter of the detention of goods has been considered by a meeting of the All China Labour Union, composed of representatives of the boycott pickets and the examining committee, and a decision was reached that all outstanding cases be referred to a committee composed of members of the boycott organisation, the pickets and the examining committee. It was further resolved that if after a third notification the owners do not come forward, their goods will be declared to have been confiscated.

These and other circumstances are causing a delay in the reopening of business houses after the New Year. One of the chief causes is the financial stringency which prevails, in which connection a meeting of the Native Bankers' Association is to be called to discuss the matter and to arrange, if possible, for the reopening of business on the 15th day of the 1st moon.

AEROPLANE SEARCH.

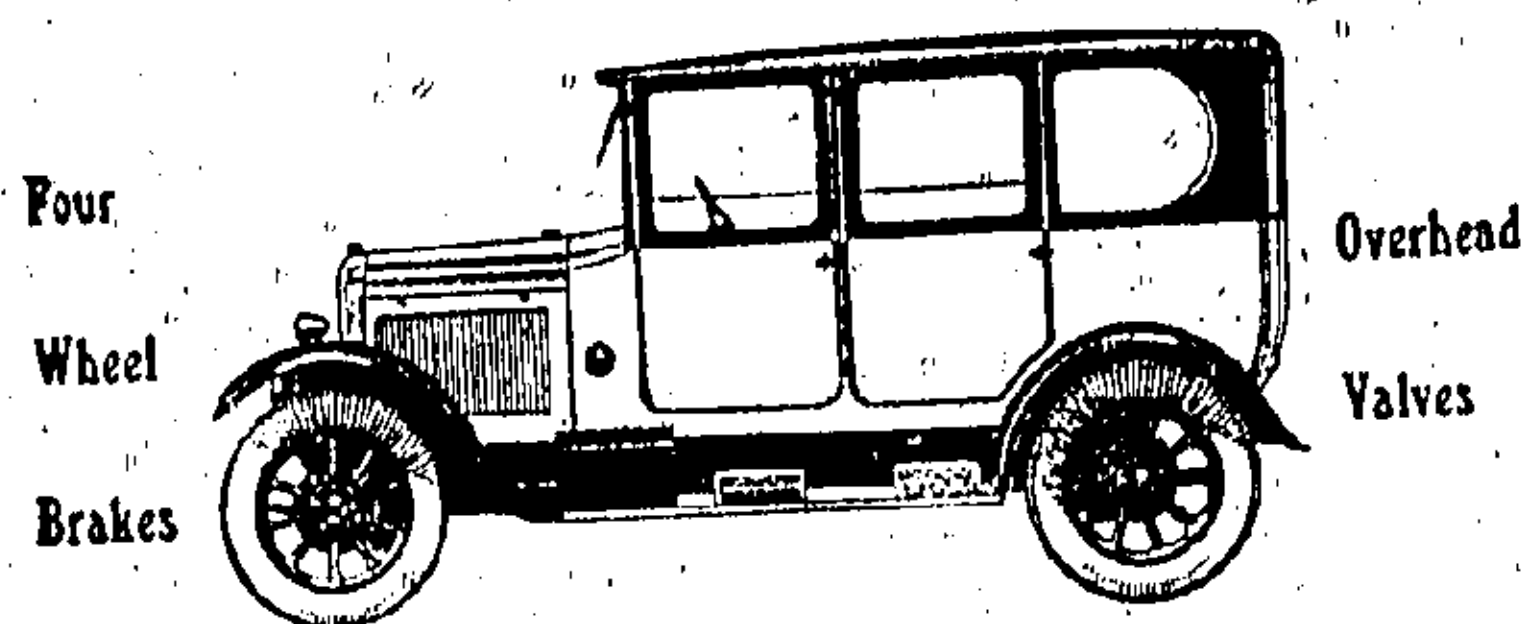
LOOKING FOR CREW OF
TRAWLER.

Rugby, Feb. 21.

Aeroplane belonging to the Irish Free State flew 800 miles last evening over islands on the west coast of Ireland, searching for a trace of the crew of the missing Welsh fishing trawler, "Cardigan Castle," which, with a sister ship the "Tonby Castle" disappeared in a terrific storm some days ago. After all hope had been abandoned it was found last week that the crew of the "Tonby Castle" were safe on a small rocky island, having been saved by a few fisher folk inhabitants. One man from the "Cardigan Castle" was also picked up, but the aeroplanes last night found no trace of the rest of the crew. The aeroplane search is being continued, but so far without success. —British Wireless.

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DIRECTORS' DINNER.

KWONG WAH HOSPITAL'S
ANNUAL FUNCTION

A New Wing.

For the first time since the establishment of the institution, luddy guests attended the Board of Directors' annual dinner held at the Kwong Wah Hospital on Saturday night, the ladies present being Mrs. Hickling and Minnett and two of the hospital's nurses.

The Chairman, Mr. Wong Chun-ye, presided and was supported by Mr. F. C. Mowfung (vice chairman), Messrs. Lai Tin-fook, Lu Kwai-sanz, Wong Yung-kul, Chan Yen-kuan, Ngai Kam-tai, Chin Yuk-tsau, Leung Hin-sun, Ngan Shing-kwun, Lee In-cheung and Lo Sum-chuen (directors). Others present included Dr. I. Newton, Dr. Ip Kam-wah, Dr. Ngan Liu-hung and other prominent Chinese residents. The toast of "The King" and "The Republic of China" having been honoured, Dr. Minnett toasted "The Success of the Kwong Wah Hospital." She said that the actual proposer should have been Dr. S. W. Tso and she apologized to the company for being such a poor substitute. She had seen one or two of the remarks which Dr. Tso intended making and she very deeply agreed with his wish for the success of the Kwong Wah Hospital. He was also to have said that, as a resident of Kowloon, he hoped to be able to give all the assistance in his power to the hospital. She was nevertheless pleased to see that the nurses were recognised as part of the hospital's medical staff, and in that direction she could be of some help, and she wished to echo Dr. Tso's remarks regarding his assistance to the institution. By experience, the speaker was aware of the necessity of the Hospital in that neighbourhood and wished it every success.

Increased Number of Cases.

The Chairman replied, speaking in Chinese, with Mr. Lee In-cheung as interpreter. He said: Ladies and Gentlemen.—I thank you for coming to the dinner to-night. To run the affairs of a hospital is beyond my capabilities, but this year, with the help of the doctors and you, gentlemen, I hope to make it a success.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the Chinese and English doctors for their co-operation. Kowloon and the surrounding district have lately been greatly developed and consequently the number of cases admitted to this hospital for treatment has been greatly increased.

In the year 1922 the number of in-patients was about 5,000 and the number of out-patients about 45,000. Last year the number of in-patients was increased to 6,862 and the number of out-patients to 74,252. The average increase of in-patients is approximately 26 per cent and the out-patients about 65 per cent.

All treatment and medicine are given free of charge by this hospital. Last year, on account of the difficulties of getting nurses, a class for training Chinese women was started and so far six have graduated and two of them passed the examinations with very satisfactory results.

Coming to the finance of this hospital, I regret to say that we have very little fixed income. The expenditure in the year 1922 was about \$57,000 and last year, on account of the high cost of living and the expansion of the hospital, that figure was increased to about \$82,000.

From the Government we get a grant of \$20,000 yearly and for the rest we have to depend on donations from the public. Whenever we are in financial difficulties we obtain money from the Tung Wah hospital in the way of a loan.

Last year we spent about \$23,500 on building the new wing and that amount came from special subscription. In view of the strike, we expect subscriptions will be very hard to collect, and there will be a deficit in our balance sheet this year. We hope that the public will come forward to help with their usual aid.

In conclusion, I again beg to thank you for your presence this evening (applause).

The Guests.

Mr. Mowfung proposed the toast of "The Guests." It was a pleasure to do so, and he only wished he could do justice to such an important toast. The dinner had been most successful and he believed this was the first occasion that ladies had been present.

Continuing, Mr. Mowfung paid a tribute to the co-operation of the staff, specially the medical staff, and said that the directors could not speak too highly of them. The directors, held very responsible positions, and but for the co-operation of the ladies and gentlemen present, their work could not be effective. This year was his second term as a director and it was a pleasure to him to see the happy and cordial co-operation of the medical staff.

It would be invidious for him to single out any particular individual, but he could not help mentioning the name of Dr. Hickling, the visiting medical officer. Among other many accomplishments of Dr. Hickling, the training of nurses had received her special attention, and in the previous year six were successful in passing their examinations. One of them, Miss Wong, who was present at the dinner, was now attached to the medical staff of the hospital, and in addition to her other duties, she was now assisting in the training of others. Such increased opportunities for Chinese ladies to enter the nursing profession must be beneficial not only from the medical point of view, but also, he thought, would tend to enlighten the Chinese in general.

Everyone present had given the directors of the past year valuable assistance and he hoped that in the coming year they would continue their support and assistance.

Mr. Mowfung coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Newton.

Dr. Newton said that it was a great honour for him to be asked to reply to the toast of "The Guests." It was a very distinguished company of guests and, as a newcomer, it was difficult for him to do justice in replying for them.

He was, however, more familiar with the medical staff of the hospital. He had seen a certain amount of the work between the staff and the directors of the hospital. As far as the former were concerned, he did not think that they could possibly work under smoother circumstances and more satisfactorily.

He would also like to reply on behalf of the directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, where he had been invited to the annual dinner, but was unable to attend. He was very pleased to have been given the opportunity of meeting a number of them at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

He would like to thank the directors on behalf of the lady guests, who were invited to the dinner for the first time in the history of the hospital.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

INTERMENT OF LATE LT-COL.
BACCHUS.

Served in France and Gallipoli.

Impressive scenes marked the funeral of the late Lieut-Colonel J. B. R. Bacchus on Saturday morning at Happy Valley.

The deceased officer, who arrived in Hongkong in March, 1924, served during the great war both in France and Gallipoli. He went to France in October, 1924, and was with the famous 29th division in Gallipoli. He was the possessor of five war medals—two Sudan, with Omdurman bar, the 1914-15 Star, the General Service and Victory medals. Before transferring to the Royal Army Pay Corps, he was an officer in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. In our report on Saturday it was stated that the deceased expired before medical aid could be summoned, but we now understand that doctors were in attendance at his residence when he died. Lt-Colonel Bacchus was a very popular officer, whose passing will be keenly regretted by his many friends in the Colony.

At the funeral on Saturday, the East Surrey Regiment provided an escort of 300 rank and file, who preceded the cortege at the slow march with reversed rifles. The same regiment also provided the firing party, and the buglers who sounded the Last Post over the grave.

Following the coffin (drawn by eight warrant officers) were the pall bearers: Lieut. Col. Montague Bates (East Surreys); Lieut. Col. Boylan Smith (R. A. M. C.); Lieut. Col. Stephen (R. A. O. C.); Lieut. Col. Mackintosh (R. E. S.); Lieut. Col. Trevelyan (R. E. S.); Lieut. Col. Gunn (R. A.); Lieut. Col. Coates (5/2 Punjabis); Major Hattersley Smith (R. A.).

In addition, all military units in the Colony were represented, and also following were many naval officers and a number of civilian friends of the late officer, together with a detachment of the Royal Army Pay Corps, the dead officer's own unit.

From the monument to the graveside, the band of the East Surrey Regiment played the Dead March (Chopin). Large numbers of wreaths and floral tributes were laid upon the grave.

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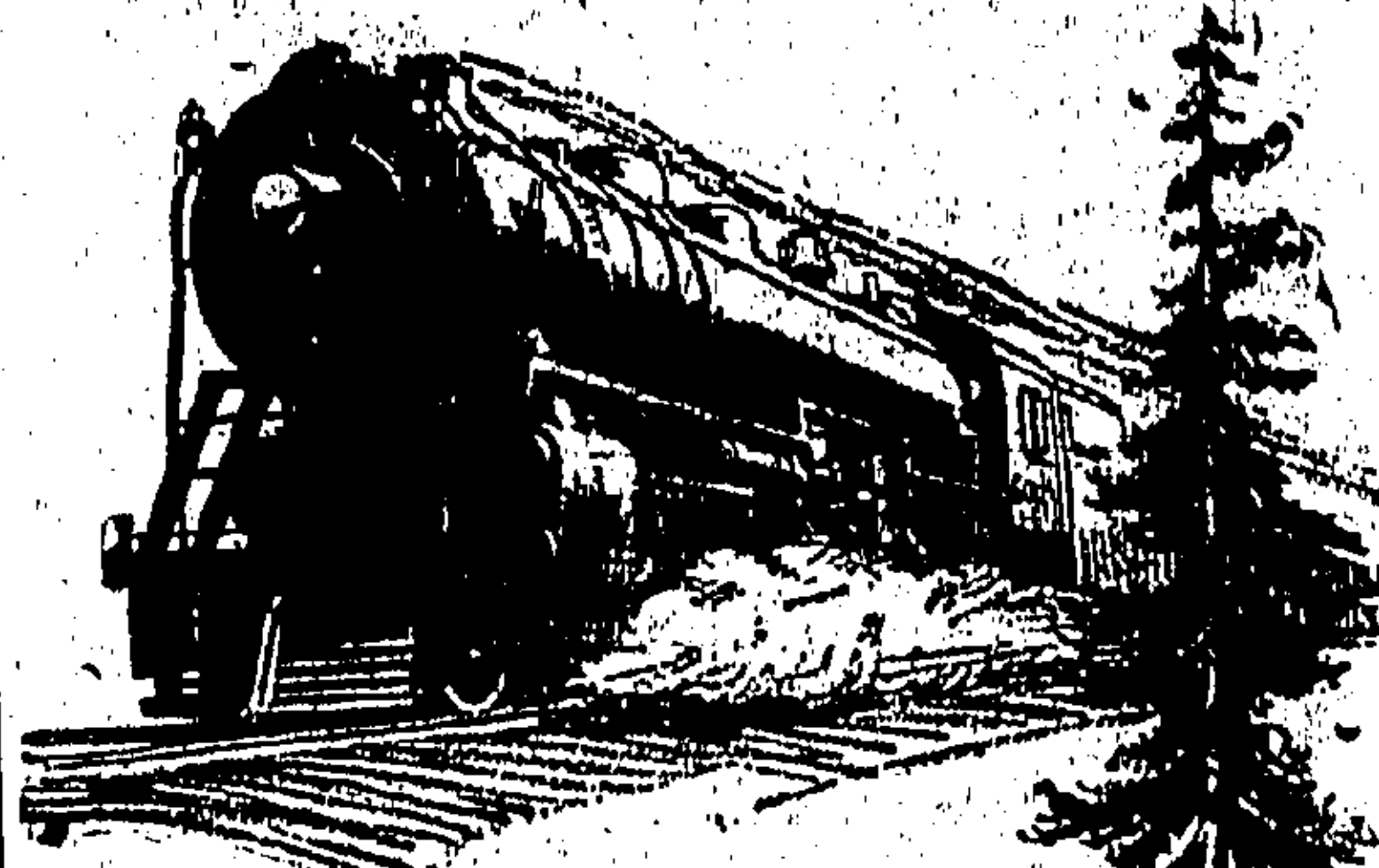
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Feb. 20. The British schooner "Eastwood" commanded by Captain Splinder, has arrived here with her decks and spars and hull splintered by shell fire. The Captain declares he was bombarded by the United States revenue cutter "Seneca," twenty miles off the New Jersey coast. Of the 200 rounds fired, 69 were direct hits. The crew state that the "Eastwood" had been off the New Jersey coast for several days with a cargo of liquor under surveillance by the "Seneca." American coast-guard officials discredit Capt. Splinder's statement.—Reuter's American Service.

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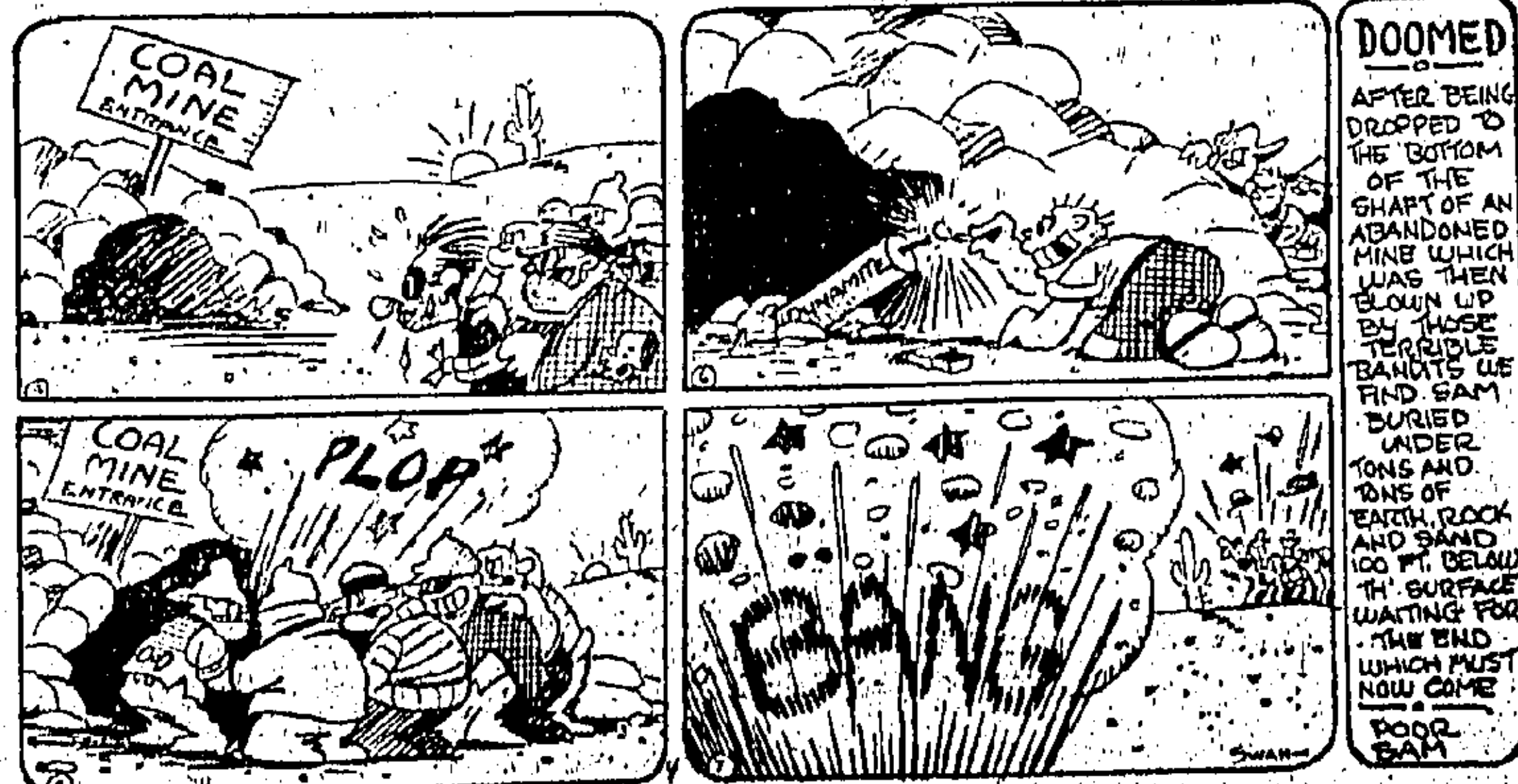
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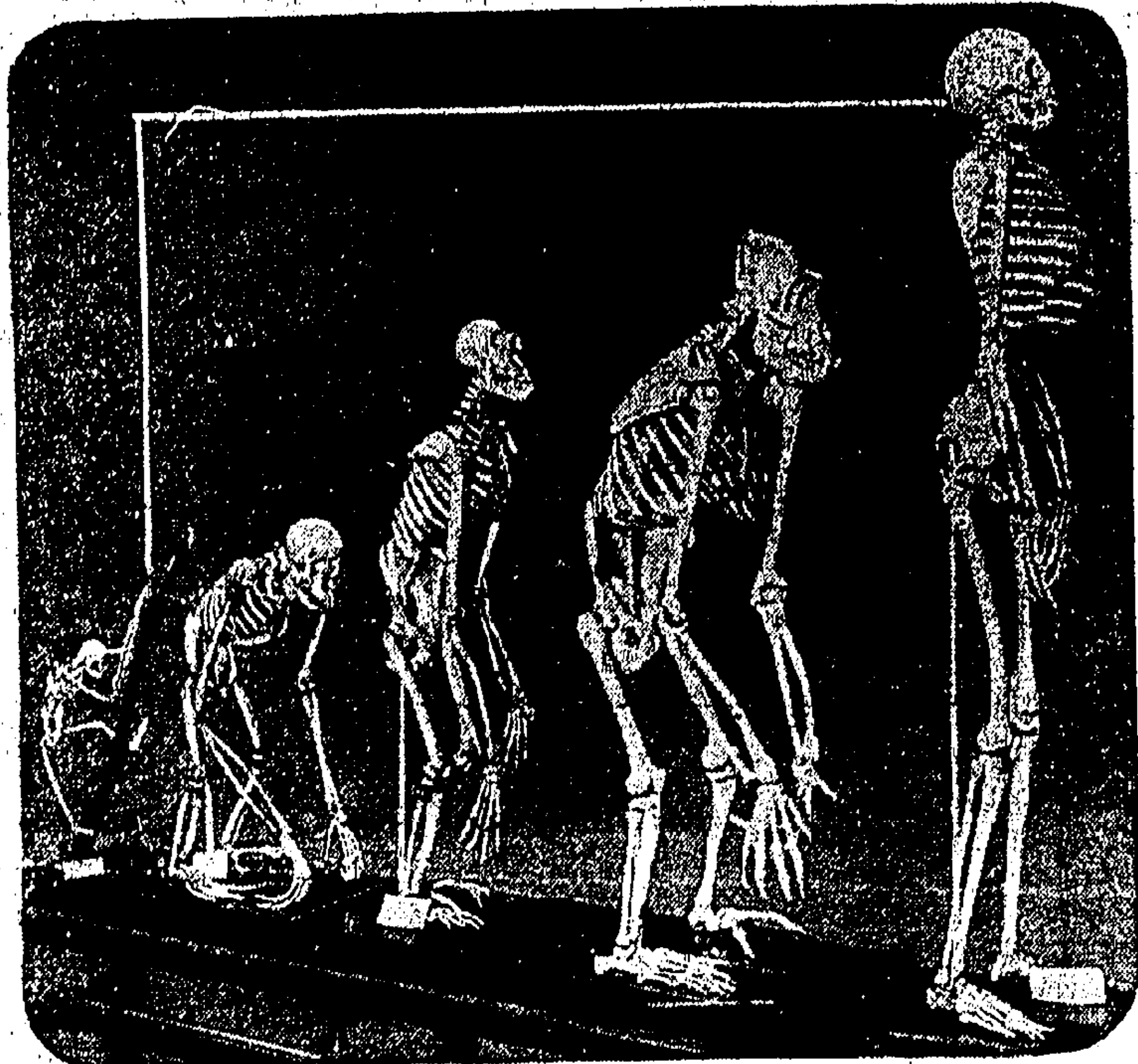


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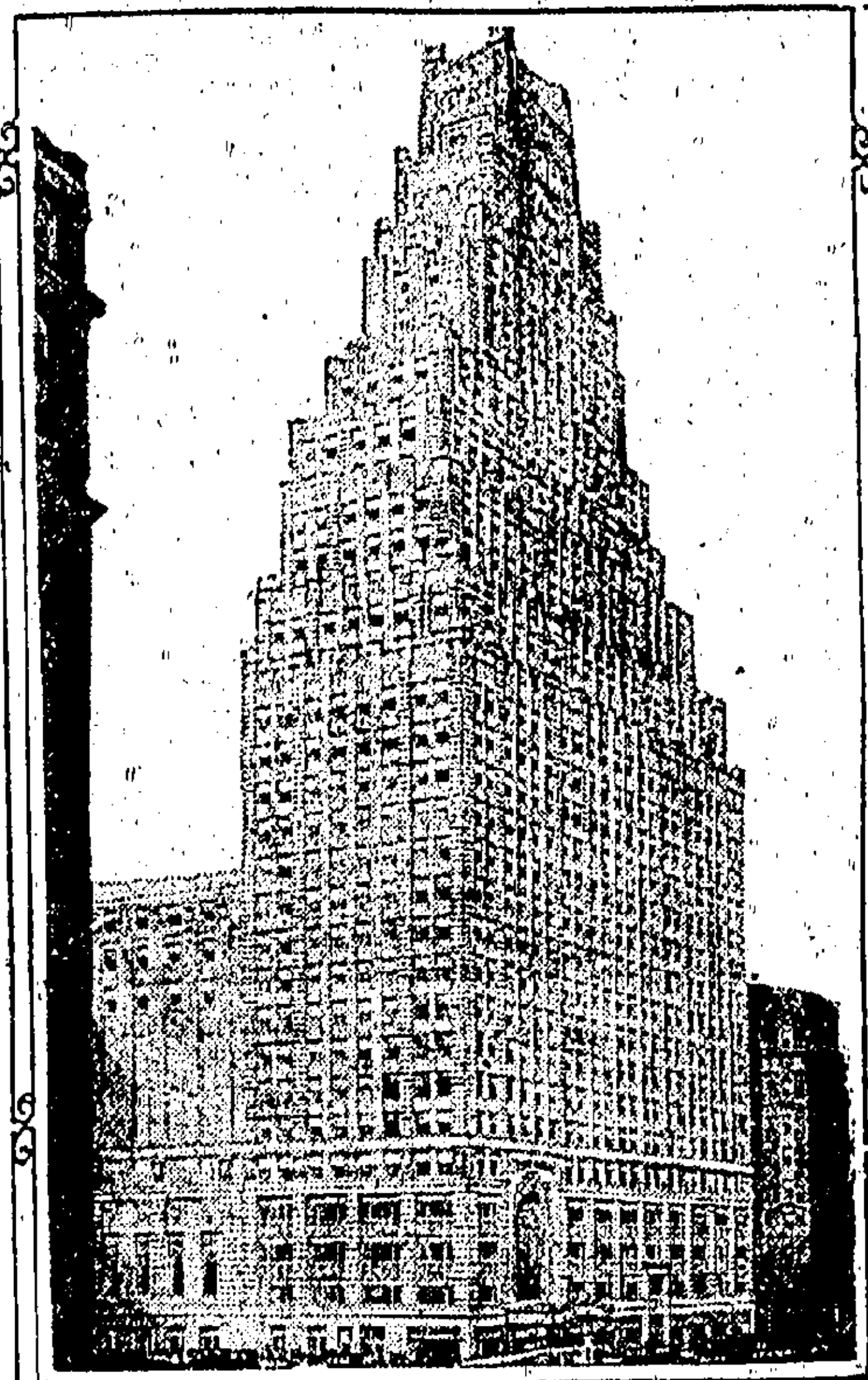
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The Evolution of Man.



An exhibit in the museum of one of the leading American Universities, showing the evolution of man from the lower types.

Some Skyscraper.



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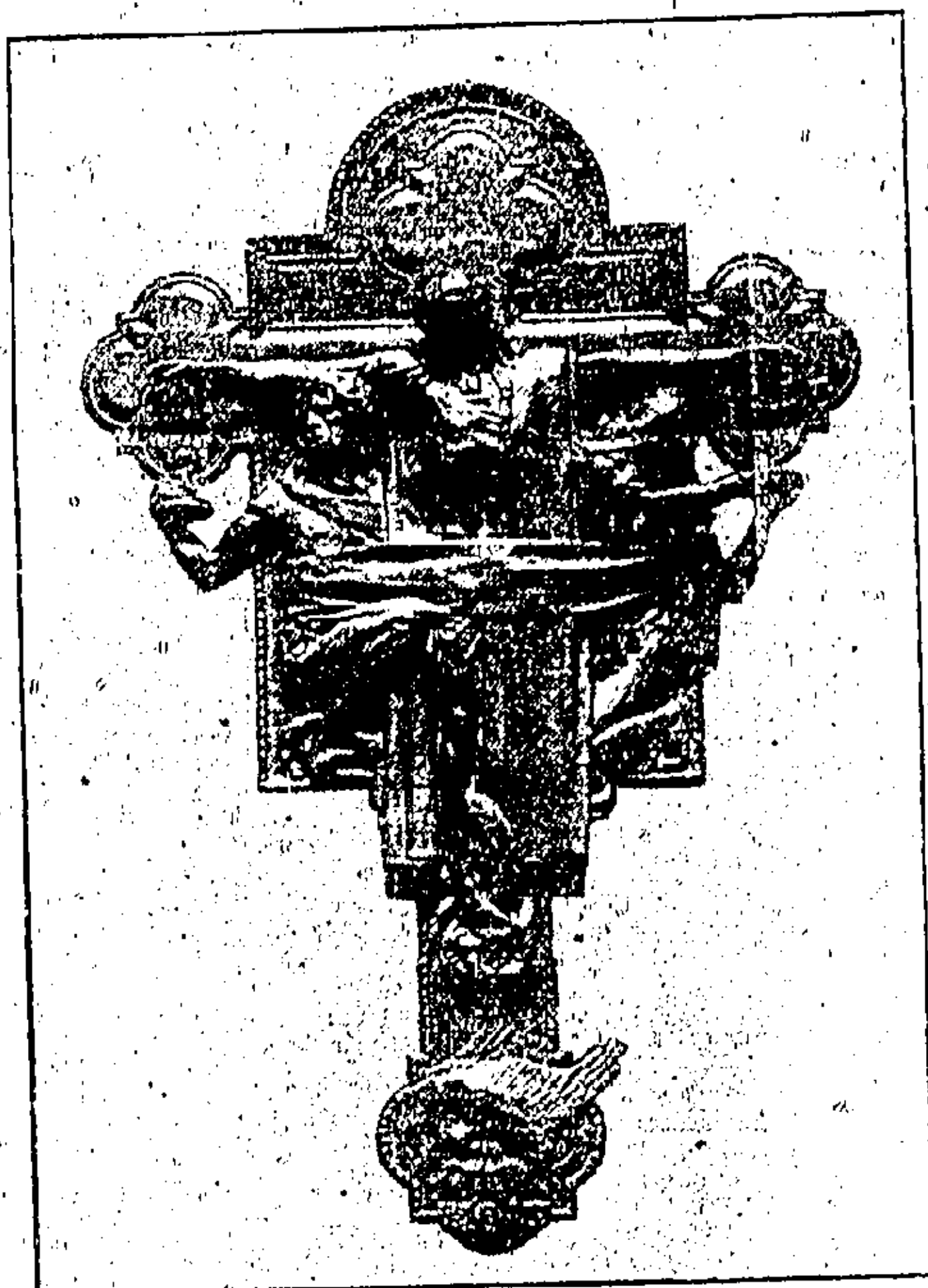
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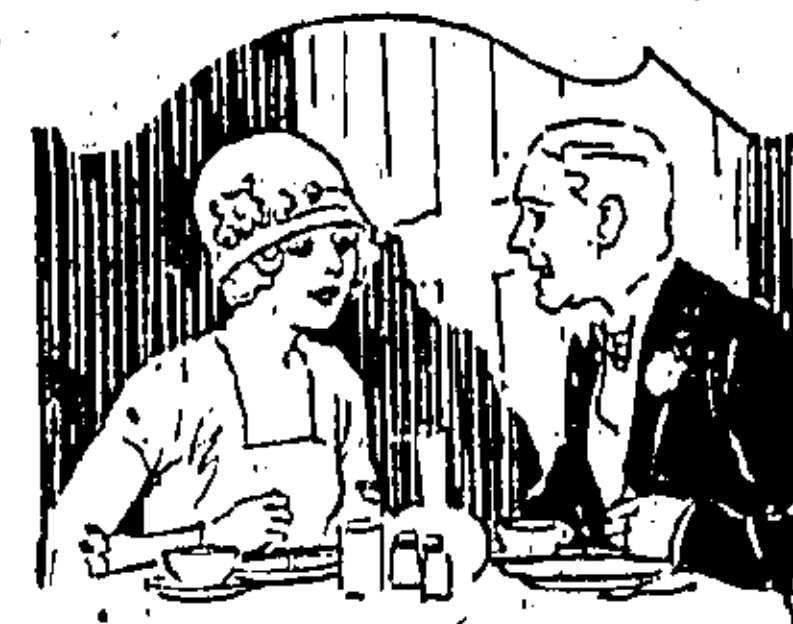
The Memorial Exhibition of the works of the Late John Sargent was recently opened at Burlington House, London. Our picture shows a bronze sculpture, "The Redemption." (Times copyright.)

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"Al." Jolson, the famous comedian, was serious for once, as the picture shows, when he gave evidence in Leonard Kip Rhinelander's famous marriage annulment suit.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson.



Pussyfoot Johnson is here seen addressing a meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, in which he recently conducted a campaign.

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We have this day been appointed sole agents in Hongkong and South China for the Sale of Sakura Beer.

DONNELLY & WHITE,
1st February, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready, and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings this year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members have the privilege of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before SATURDAY, February 27th 1926. Price \$10 per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

LINSTAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary (Yearly) Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall Hongkong, on Saturday the 27th February 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 15th February to Saturday the 27th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. H. BARLOW
Chief Manager.
Hongkong 8th February 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh or at the Gate. Price \$3 per day.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform \$1 per day.
No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Show of Flower and Vegetables will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, 11th March, 1926.

Entries will Definitely Close at 1 p.m. on Monday, 1st March, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to send in their entries as early as possible.

Schedules have been sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription and all those who wish to join the Society are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1926.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Thursday, the 4th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1925. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th February to 4th March, 1926 both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 18, 1926.

NOTICE.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Work will be resumed on Monday, 1st March. There will be an Entrance Examination for New Boys (Boarders and Day Boys) at Prospect Place, Bonham Road, at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 26th February.

W. H. HEWITT,
M.A., B.D.,
Warden.

Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1926.

CYMRITHAS DEWISANT.

(HONGKONG.)

The Annual Dinner of the Society will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on March 1st, at 7.45 p.m. Members are requested to send names and addresses of guests as soon as possible to the Hon. Secretary.

A wreath will be placed on the Cenotaph at 11 a.m. and a full attendance of members is requested.

Members or friends intending to assist in the musical programme should communicate with the undersigned.

DAVID E. EVANS,
Actg. Hon. Secretary,
c/o Mustard & Co., Ltd.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE BORDS.

The Creditors, on account of Fixed Deposits, Savings and Current Accounts, are informed that the Gold Dollar Bonds to which they are entitled in settlement of their claim are held at their disposal.

These Bonds will be delivered either to the Creditor himself or to a person duly authorized by him, all identity proofs being strictly required.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LTD.

LOST SCRIPT.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate for the following Preferred Ordinary Shares in the above Company is alleged to have been lost, namely, No. 43, representing 25 shares, Nos. 6421 to 6445 registered in the name of ALEXANDER HYDE LAY.

Application has been made to the Directors for the issue of a duplicate Certificate, and should no objection be lodged with the Company within thirty days from the date hereof the application will be complied with, subject to such guarantees as may be approved by the Directors.

CHAS. S. ROSELET,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd Feb. 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. No servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders will be removed from Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 9th, 10th and 11th MARCH, 1926,

at H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT,

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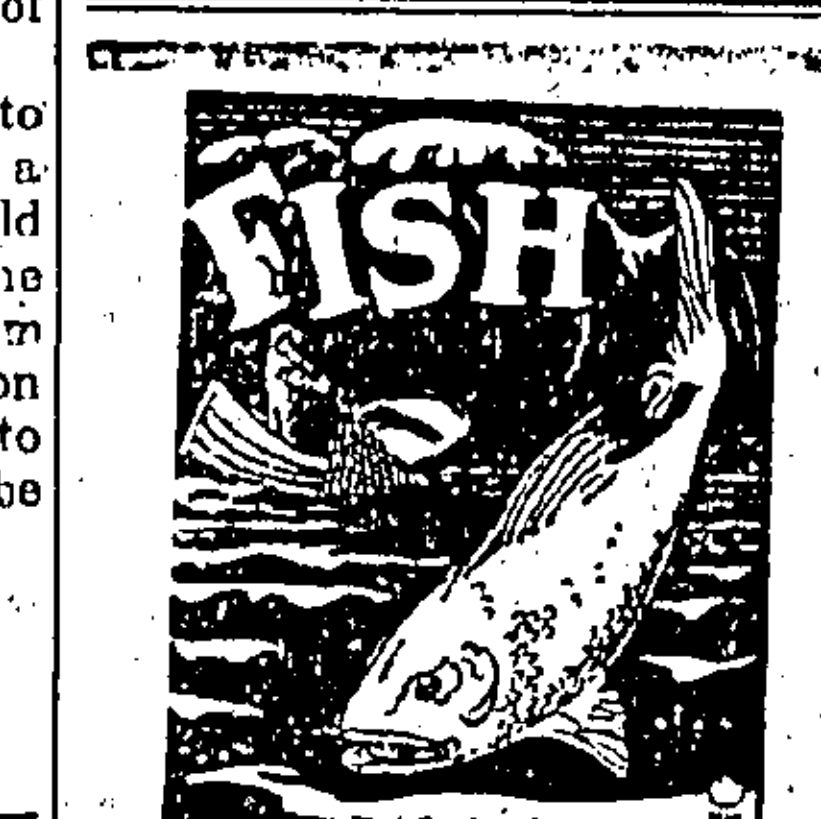
Lots may be inspected on Monday, 8th March 1926.

Also sale of Old and Surplus Victualling Stores at Kowloon on Friday, 12th March,

Comprising:—Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, &c. Remnants, Blankets, Sundry Articles of Mess and Table Gear, (including Electro Plated Ware), Clothing, Condemned Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 24th February, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Ladies' Dress Wear and Sundries.

Day and Evening Gowns, Coats, Frocks, Beaded Gowns, Embroidered Shawls, Light Overcoats, Silk Stockings, Children's Socks, Lady's Lace and Embroidered Underwear.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1926.

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The Property first described contains a total area of 80,307 square feet, or thereabouts and is held under a Crown Lease of the term of 75 years renewable for a further term of 75 years.

The Crown Rent payable in respect of Section A, B, C, and the Remaining Portion of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 84 is \$832 per annum and in respect of the moiety of Kowloon Permanent Pier No. 4, \$150 per annum.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be had from:—

Messrs. DEACONS,
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Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
The Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 11, 1926.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

(the remainder of the furniture of Mrs. E. Hickoe)

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(Particulars from Catalogue)

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On View from Thursday, the 25th February 1926

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 26th February 1926

commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room Duddell St.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Particulars from Catalogue)

On View from Thursday, the 25th, February 1926.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Something like 1,375 new varieties of postage stamps were issued by the nations of the world during 1925 The British Empire's contribution of 226 consisted for the most part of modification in the colours or watermarks.

Postage due stamps were provided for the first time in Hongkong, Straits Settlements, and the Federated Malay States. Additions to stamp-issuing countries numbered seven, including New Guinea, comprising the territory hitherto designated "North-West Pacific Islands," and the independent Soviet State of Mongolia, whence comes some curious stamps bearing the emblem of the great Jenghis Khan and printed in Moscow. Among notable events of 1925 that provided an excuse for commemorative stamps was the Imperial Silver Wedding Celebrations in Japan. The increasing use of aeroplanes for transmission of mails is reflected in the advent of no fewer than 86 varieties of air-post stamps, one of these hailing from Siam.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LIMITED: AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Company's Steamer

"TALTHYBIUS"

are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on after 20th February. Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th February, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th March or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
20th February, 1926.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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From NEW YORK via SINGAPORE

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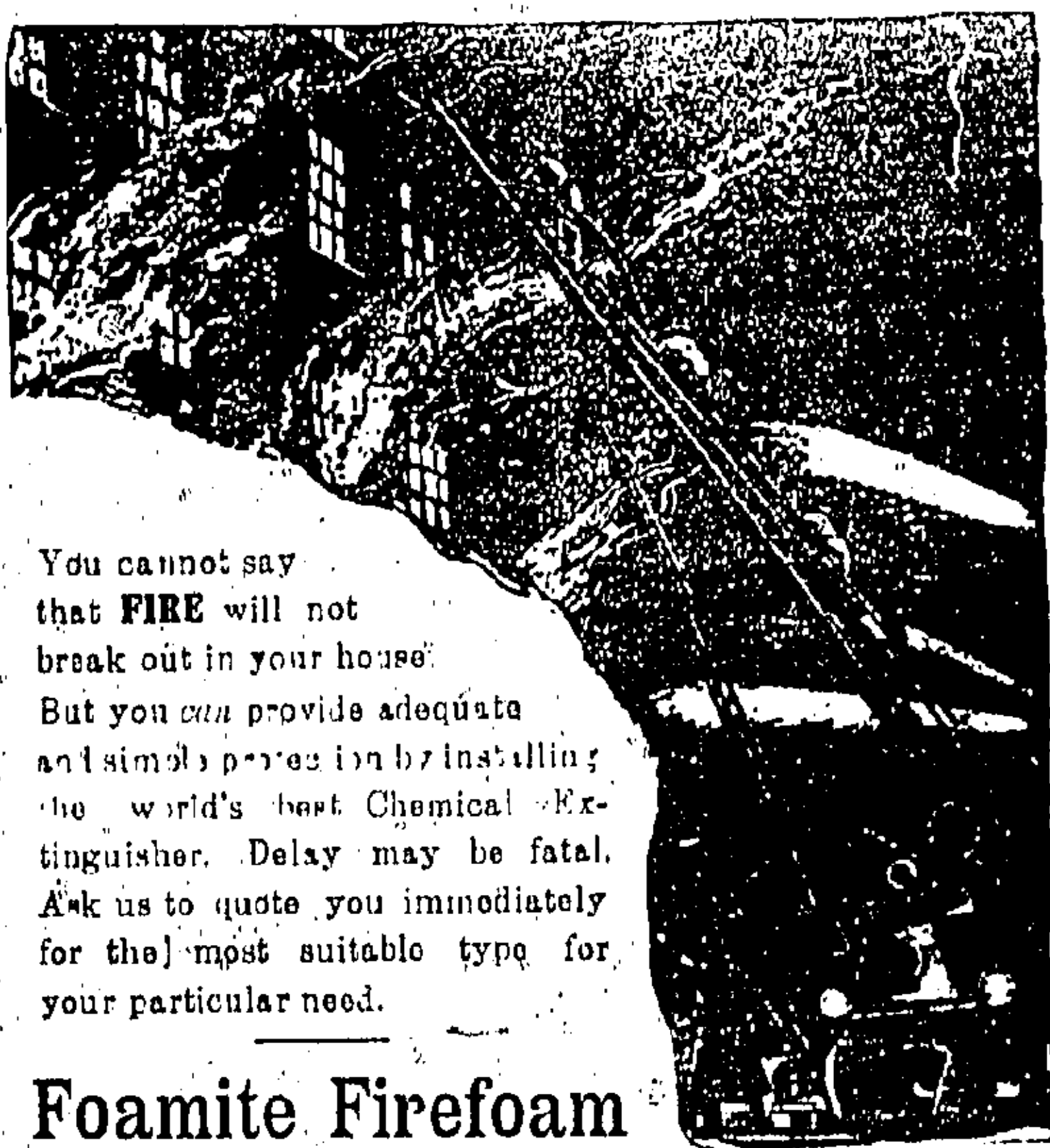
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HONGKONG RATIONALISTS.

SPEECHES AT THE ANNUAL DINNER.

An Increasing Membership.

The annual dinner of the Hongkong branch of the Rationalist Press Association took place on Saturday evening in the Hongkong Hotel. There were 50 people present, including several ladies. The President, Dr. W. W. Pearce, was in the chair.

In proposing the toast of the "Association," he said in part:

Frequently during the last year I have been asked what is Rationalism. We are all liable to be asked this question, which is not an easy one to answer briefly. At the head of our periodical, *The Literary Guide and Rationalist Review*, we have perhaps the best attempt to describe Rationalism briefly and I may be excused if I repeat it here.

"Rationalism may be defined as the mental attitude which unreservedly accepts the supremacy of reason and aims at establishing a system of philosophy and ethics verifiable by experience and independent of all arbitrary assumptions of authority."

Rationalism is therefore both subjective and objective. The objective side, it seems, must be secondary to its subjective side, as it is impossible to build well without careful study of the building material.

Man is naturally questioning. He seeks the reasons for things, but owing to his having to struggle for his existence, he is very liable to accept without examination any plausible theory put forward with the semblance of authority. Throughout the ages, man has been trying to solve the riddle of the universe.

The Test of Reason.

Rationalism does not seek to formulate any definite creed to be accepted as explaining the meaning of life to be substituted for one or other of the existing religions which pretend to be complete and sufficient for men's needs. It is, it would contradict itself, for man can not measure the infinite. Rationalism does, however, encourage men to enquire of themselves and the world in which they live and to subject their observations to the test of reason and to reject as unproven conclusions which are not the outcome of logical argument.

Man knows very little, but he can always try to learn more, and our Association has been founded for the purpose of mutual help in learning both by disseminating knowledge of human experience and in reasoning therefrom.

No Frontier.

Rationalism, like science, knows no frontiers and is essentially non-political in its aims. Reason is a common attribute to all mankind. It is therefore very pleasing to know that our Hongkong branch has now many Chinese members. That Rationalism has been characteristic of Chinese philosophy for over two thousand years is to be deduced from a saying of Confucius that "To know that you do not know is the beginning of wisdom." (Applause.)

This is the last meeting in Hongkong which I shall have the pleasure of attending and I heartily ask you to join me in wishing prosperity to the Rationalist Press Association.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, the honorary secretary, said:

In reply to the words of our President, in which he has given us a brief exposition of the principles of Rationalism, it may seem appropriate to add a few remarks on what Rationalism is not.

What It Stands For.

It has been suggested that one labelling himself a Rationalist means thereby to convey to the world that he is better endowed than others of his kind with the faculty which gives to humanity its specific name, that he is more rational. Now, etymology is a pleasant study, from which all may derive pleasure and some of us advantage. Yet I suggest that linguistic learning might find more useful employment than in this elegant trifling. There is this much truth in the suggestion that one who takes the trouble to differ from another necessarily believes himself to be better informed or more rightly thinking as regards the point under discussion.

"I shall lay it down that, as should be sufficiently obvious to the candid enquirer, the name expresses not the actual, but the ideal. It indicates the direction in which we believe progress is to be made. To the upholders of tradition and authority we would point out the number of occasions on which these forces have favoured the wrong side, as is now universally allowed."

Increase of Memberships.

Two points I must touch on before I conclude, unconnected as they are with what has gone before. The date of our President's retirement from that office and from Hongkong is approaching, and we unite in the wish that he may live long to see the fruits of his labours. He has seen the birth of the Hongkong Rationalist Association, and his advice has been at all times helpful, and he will leave the Association in a very flourishing state. The danger of infantile mortality may be considered as past. (Laughter.)

Nor can I refrain from expressing my satisfaction with the way in which the members generally have contributed to the Association's progress. A net gain of 60 per cent. during the past year testifies to the place that the movement holds in the affections of the members, and when we consider the hard times during which this progress has been made we cannot but be optimistic regarding the future of the Association. (Applause.)

The Guests.

Dr. E. Law, in proposing the health of "Our Guests," expressed on behalf of the members of the Rationalist Association in Hongkong their very warmest welcome to the guests and sincere thanks for the great pleasure they had given by their presence that evening. "In saying this I am not simply following the usual custom at public dinners, where this toast has become a sort of ritual without which they cannot be brought to a close. I can give our guests my assurance that we are genuinely glad of their encouragement and sympathy with our aims and objects which their presence here implies. (Hear, hear.)"

It has been said of a certain mythical place that it is paved with good intentions and, in this respect, Hongkong bears a close resemblance, though unkind strangers to our City may be tempted to push the comparison further. (Laughter.) All sorts of societies and Associations have from time to time been formed with very laudable intentions amid the plaudits and the enthusiasm of the public; but a little while and the enemy "Indiffer-

ence" comes along and sows tares and the public knows them no more.

We of the Rationalist Association are determined we shall not share the common fate, and the presence at our annual dinners year after year of so many guests is an inspiration to us to renewed efforts to make our Association a living force in the daily life of the Colony.

Useful Work.

In giving tangible evidence of their sympathy by their presence here, our guests are, I think, entitled to be told of some of our objects and aims, and of the need there is of a Rationalist Association in Hongkong. I hope before they leave us this evening they will have been convinced that our activities do not consist of meeting together once a year round the festive board for a display of postprandial fireworks. This is only our window dressing. Behind this lies much useful work in the way of propaganda, of supplying rationalist books to our members and of inculcating the application of rationalistic methods of thought and reasoning to the problems presented by the external world. In a place where superstition and belief in all manner of supernatural interventions in the events of daily life is rampant, the need of our Association is great.

Myths and Traditions.

Man is loaded with a great weight of myths and traditions which have been handed down from the days of the dawn of civilisation and have thus acquired by virtue of mere age, the authority of Divine inspiration, and

the conflict between those who claim that human intelligence and reasoning should be left untrammelled to probe into the truth of these cherished beliefs and those who would erect signs, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further," is carried on unceasingly. In this struggle, which in the past had been more sanguinary than all the dynastic, revolutionary or international wars, there is no respite, no truce, no armistice. We as an Association are not against any religion save where traditional beliefs cannot pass the test of scientific enquiry, but it is our object to foster the spirit of rational thought, to encourage a sceptical attitude towards claims to supernatural revelation, and to resist arbitrary limits to the free exercise of individual intellect.

Fundamentalism.

A very famous politician once said, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." If this is true of political liberty, it is none the less true of the liberty to apply the acid test of experience, experiment and observation to matters of belief, and although in most countries to-day, liberty of conscience has been attained, obscurantism is but bruised, and here in one form and there in another is ever ready to raise its head to strike at its enemies. We have but to look across the Pacific to realize the truth of this. There, in a highly cultured country with an intelligent population, the rise in recent years of what is known as fundamentalism, and the sad spectacle presented to us within the last few months of an aged and honoured statesman spending the last days of a busy life in putting the shackles on

scientific education, are sufficient to warn us of the need for watchfulness (Hear, hear). He who, in his democratic fervour for the people's rights, could see humanity crucified on a cross of gold, was yet blind to the fact that humanity's pilgrimage to a better and happier world has always been impeded by this very denial of man's right to test his traditional beliefs in the light of his accumulating store of knowledge (Applause).

Hampering Superstition.

We are living in the midst of creeds and superstitions which are hampering the happiness and well-being of large numbers of our fellowmen, superstitions as cruel and as remorseless in their application as the methods of the Holy Inquisition, and whilst doing our utmost to dispel their ignorance and allay their fears by spreading the knowledge of scientific truths, we need also to exert our energies to the end that dogmas long discarded by intellectual Europe and even by liberal Churchmen, be not introduced as a substitute.

I am afraid I have fallen far short of my theme, but I hope I have said sufficient to prove the need of the Rationalist Association of Hongkong and as one of its avowed objects is propaganda, I hope that many of those who are our guests to-night will, on the occasion of our next annual dinner, rise to drink the toast of "Our Guests" then (Applause).

Dr. G. H. Thomas replied to the toast. During the evening Mr. A. Bowes-Smith rendered appreciated items at the piano.

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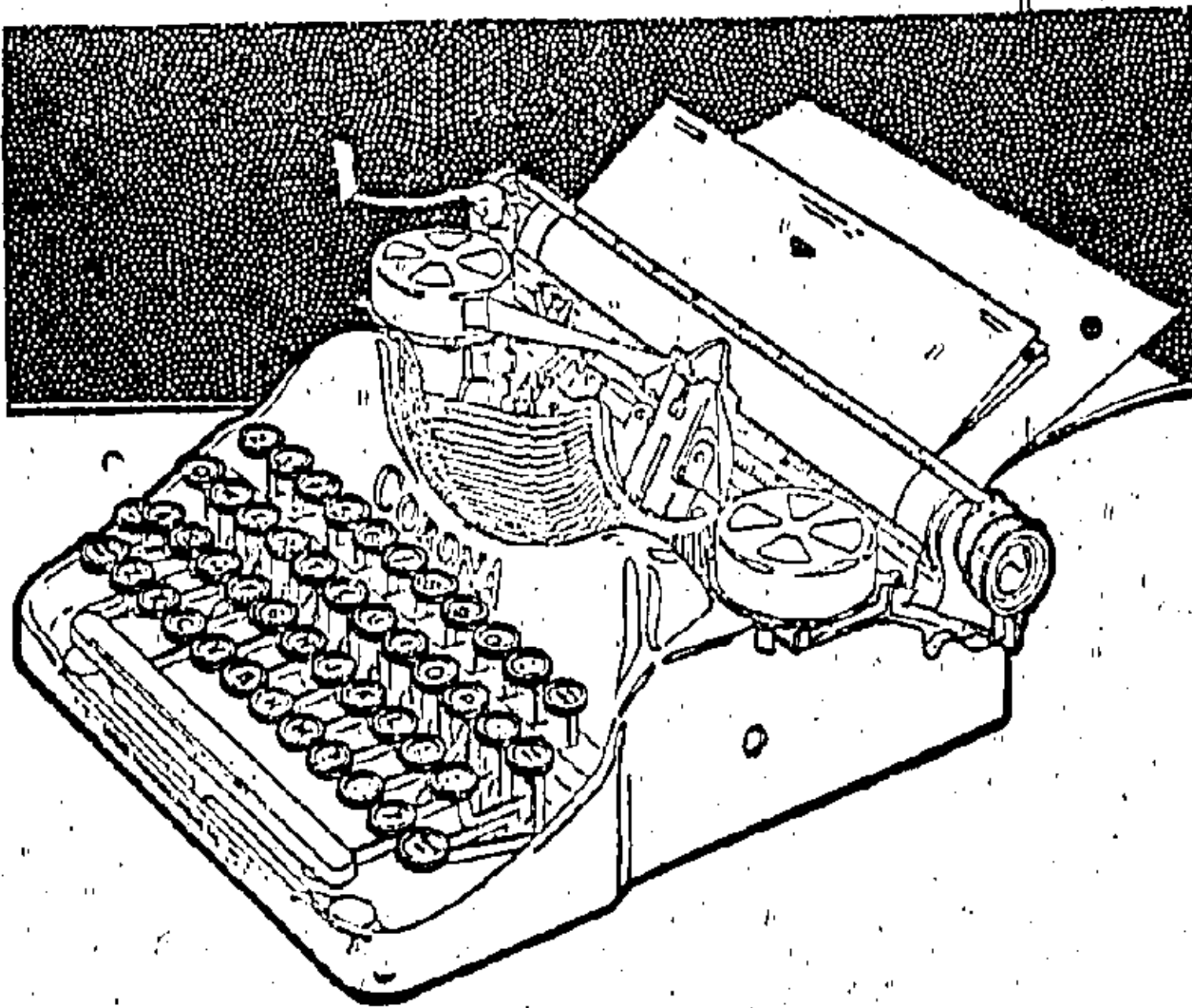
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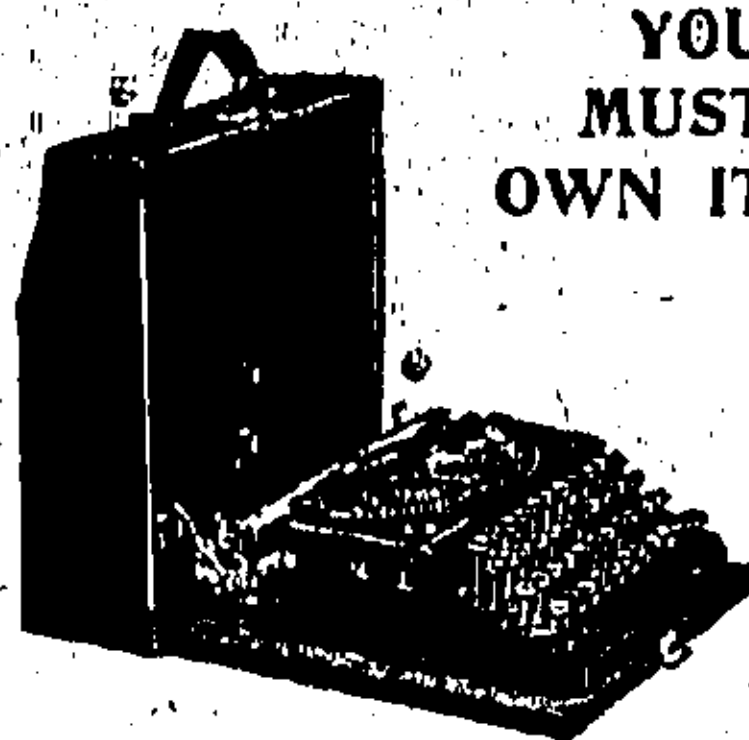


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DEATHS.

GUBBAY. On the 22nd February at 10.45 a.m. at 9 Macdonnell Road, Kate Soemah Sassoon Gubbay, in her 77th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 9.30 a.m. 23rd inst. No flowers by request. Indian papers please copy.

AUSTIN. At Victoria Hospital, this morning, Alexander Jardine, second son of Mr. and Mrs. David Austin, Quarry Bay. Funeral will pass the Monument at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

The Telegraph.

MONDAY, FEB. 22, 1926.

THE COLONY'S WORKERS.

In these days of stress and unrest it is especially gratifying to feel that there are labour organisations in our midst which are prepared to set their faces against the insidious attempts which are being made to force the members of such bodies to go on strike. We all know that just before the Chinese New Year most determined efforts were made by the Canton mischief-makers to involve this Colony in a second big strike. Again and again the strikers' organ in Canton spoke of the impending cessation of work here, and quite recently it even went so far as to report that some three thousand mechanics had actually come out. The wish was no doubt father to the thought, but we know that in actual fact no such strike took place. That, however, is not for want of effort on the part of Canton, for it is common knowledge that the strike leaders in Canton sent quite a number of emissaries to Hongkong with the avowed object of creating further trouble here.

His Excellency the Governor, in his speech at the engineers' dinner on Friday night, made pointed reference to these matters, and the occasion proved an opportune one at which to commend the Chinese Engineering Guild in particular for the manner in which the officials and members of that powerful organisation withstood the pressure brought to bear on them to "down tools." An especially warm tribute was paid by His Excellency to Mr. Hon Man-wai, the leader of the Guild, for his "unwavering courage in face of threats and attempts at intimidation." The spirit animating him was communicated

to the members of the Guild by demonstrating the worthlessness of Bolshevik propaganda, and we rejoice with His Excellency that the example thus set was followed by other Guilds as well. This cannot but be regarded as a most reassuring development, and we would fain believe that it marks the beginning of a new era in which labour will realise that there are better and more effective ways of adjusting any grievances which it may have than by reckless use of the strike weapon. The past history of Hongkong has shown that the lot of the workers here is infinitely better than that of their comrades in most Chinese towns and cities, and, above all, that employers are fully sensible of their obligations towards the men in their service. It can with truth be said that no reasonable representation made by the Colony's workers in regard either to pay or conditions of service has ever been ignored, and we are convinced that the spirit of giving due regard to such representations will continue to animate Hongkong's employers of labour in the days to come.

Employers here are fully mindful of what the Colony owes to the artisan class, and they have no desire to exploit labour solely for their own ends. But the worker has his obligations as well as his privileges, and so long as he lives up to a recognition of that fact, there need be no fear of serious strikes. A policy of true co-operation between employer and employed will be to the mutual benefit of both, and it is in a recognition of that fact that the future progress and prosperity of the Colony will depend. The workers of Hongkong have nothing to gain from listening to the specious arguments of the Canton trouble-makers, who are animated not by any desire to better the conditions of the artisan but merely to line their own pockets. In the operation of Bolshevik principles, it is the worker who always suffers. There are signs that Hongkong labour is beginning to realise that truth.

Near East Problem.

We cannot help thinking that it was a pity neither Reuter nor the British wireless news service gave any resume of the speech made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the House of Commons on Thursday when he moved an amendment in the name of the Labour Party to the motion approving of the League of Nations' award of Mosul to Iraq and the extension—possibly for 25 years—of the British mandate over the Iraq territory. Whilst we would like to think that the British Government's policy, as regards Turkey and Iraq is the right one, there would seem an implied doubt in the minds of its official sponsors when no publicity is given to the arguments for the other side. There is even a suspicion that the Conservative Government at Home has used the great weight of its big majority to "hustle" the Iraq matter through, which contention is borne out by the Labour "walk out" of protest when the matter was previously before the House. We believe in supporting the League of Nations' decisions, and many of Mr. Amery's arguments in this respect are extremely difficult to answer. But we ought never to lose sight of the fact that Turkey—now but a relic of a powerful pre-war Empire—feels that in the Mosul Award it has been unjustly deprived of an integral part of its territory; and that the British support of Iraq is tantamount to an act of unfriendliness. It is at this point where the British Labour Party asks with great force whether Britain is choosing wisely in making an enemy of Turkey or whether it would not be wiser to placate that country by a promise that the Mosul Award shall be the matter of further discussion between the parties with a view to an agreement on a new line. Looking at it simply from the standpoint of possible trade, Turkish friendship could mean much to Britain's jaded industry, whereas success

DAY BY DAY.

AN IDLER IS A WATCH THAT WANTS BOTH HANDS.—*Cowper.*

Passengers arriving by the s.s. President McKinley included Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambert, Mr. R. M. Johnson, Mr. T. Ramsay and Mr. Fred Ellis.

For the two days ended yesterday a Japanese (imported) case of typhoid fever was reported, as well as one Chinese case of puerperal fever. There was also a case of rabies notified.

Passengers on board the P. & O. s.s. Khiva included Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. L. J. Davies, Surg. Lt. Drennan, Mr. McDougall, Mr. J. B. Stewart, Mr. C. J. Tacchi and Mr. P. J. Tacchi.

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place at the end of April of Paymaster-Lieut.-Commr. Roger Ernest Worthington, D.S.C., Royal Navy, Chatham, and Primrose, youngest daughter of Rear-Admiral H. E. Grace, C.B., and Mrs. Grace, Sherborne, Dorset.

The unfavourable weather conditions notwithstanding, there was another large audience at the second display by pupils of Miss O'Keefe at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. This was not less successful than the one given on Wednesday and at the close of the performance the warm applause which rewarded the efforts of the pupils was thoroughly well-deserved.

Among the passengers on the P. & O. s.s. Karmala, which sailed for Home on Saturday, were Mr. and Mrs. S. Collett, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wynne Jones, Mrs. C. A. Middleton-Smith, Lieut.-Commr. V. P. Allyn, Mr. G. McLeod, Mr. D. R. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, Commr. F. H. Buckmaster, Mr. W. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brown, Miss M. J. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Brooksbank.

Mae Murray is responsible for some very forceful acting in "Mademoiselle Midnight," which commenced its run at the Queen's Theatre last night and is being again shown to-day. The story is set in Mexico and deals with revolutionary intrigues and bandit raids. It is quite conventional in character, but has plenty of thrills and excitement. "Flip Flops," a very funny Mack Sennett comedy, is also included in the programme.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. David Austin, of Quarry Bay, in the heavy bereavement which they have suffered by the death of their three-year-old son, Alec, which took place at the Victoria Hospital this morning. The little lad was taken seriously ill, yesterday afternoon and removed to hospital at two o'clock this morning, passing away about five hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Austin and family had only recently returned to the Colony from Home.

The practice of double entry book-keeping is now so well-established that it is difficult to realise that there could be a simpler and easier method of keeping accounts. Yet such a method is the claim of Mr. R. Borlase Matthews. In a recent lecture at the London School of Economics he explained the underlying principle of a system of auto-countancy or first-final entry book-keeping, which, he said, had been thoroughly tested over a number of years. In the new system the usual array of day books, journals, cash-books, and the like is done away with, all that the auto-countancy book-keeper needs being two specially-headed ledgers and a quantity of ordinary blank invoices in triplicate.

and sustenance for the newly-fledged Iraq is liable to be costly. Mr. Amery has rebutted the accusation that Britain is "out oil-grabbing," and so the British taxpayer—heavily hit enough—is left with nothing but moral pride at his country's championship of little Iraq. Can we afford to be so magnanimous just now? On reviewing the facts we are more than ever sorry that this part of the world does not yet know what Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said on Thursday.

LOCAL CRIME.**TO-DAY'S POLICE COURT CASES.**

Breaking into a malshed at Tokwan the night before last, four men engaged in an armed robbery, the haul in money and property amounting to only \$14. An old woman was the victim. She was terrorised by the display of paint-scrubbers which were used as weapons in the case.

When M. Montargis' richa coolie deserted his employment, he too, with him his coolie's uniform, and, on this account, the man was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with theft. A sentence of fourteen days' hard labour was passed.

The watch kept for vernacular papers of a seditious nature has resulted in the arrest of two men who were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsay this morning with possession. One was fined \$50, or four weeks, while the other defendant was fined \$200, or two months' hard labour.

A convict released on ticket of leave was fined \$50, or four weeks, by Mr. Lindsay for failing to report to the Police Station, as required under the conditions of his ticket of leave. The defendant pleaded that work kept him away, but his Worship described this as "all nonsense."

Charged with aiding and abetting two Chinese appeared in connection with a murder case before Mr. Lindsay. They are accused of dumping the body of the victim in New Street. The case was remanded.

A defendant by the name of Eerse Eugene Rey was charged with obstructing the police in the execution of their duty. This was in connection with the arrest of a woman hawker in Lyndhurst Terrace. It was stated that the defendant intervened in the belief that the constable was using unnecessary force in dragging the woman along by the hand. Saying that the proper course should have been to report to the police inspector, Mr. Lindsay fined the defendant \$10.

TO-MORROW'S RECITAL.**NOTED SINGER'S LOCAL DEBUT.**

Undoubtedly a treat is in store for the many who will gather in the Theatre Royal to-morrow night to listen to Signora Maria Hilda Vallarino in selections from grand opera, and the larger world of song. "The charm and melody in her voice, are, thrilling indeed," writes a critic. While singing Butterfly one was, without exaggeration, transported to the Metropolitan of New York and the thought naturally turned instinctively to Geraldine Farrar at her best. Signora Vallarino has the temperament and soul of a great artist. Associated with the Signora will be Mr. H. E. Gardner, Mr. Harry Ore, Mr. F. Mason, and Signora Guzman who also has an international reputation. It will be seen that a musical and artistic treat is being provided which should certainly not be missed.

SHIPPING NEWS.**VESSELS NEAR PORT.**

At noon to-day the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong:

Pembrokeshire, Karmala, President McKinley, Altai Maru, Albert Vogler, Tiliwong, Dakar Maru, Mishima Maru, Bessa, Khiva, Rajio Maru, Kinshan, Fausang, Ginyu Maru, Yuensang, Tjikarang, President Jefferson, Shirala, President Pierce, Benares, Alaska Maru, Talsetoys, Gorjistan, Taketoys Maru.

RIVIERA TENNIS.**MISS WILLS WINS BEAULIEU FINAL.**

Beaulieu, Feb. 21. In the finals of the ladies' singles of the lawn tennis tournament, Miss Helen Wills beat Mrs. Satterwaite 6/1, 6/1. In the finals of the men's singles, Von Kehling (Hungary) beat the English Davis Cup player Kingsley 7/5, 3/6, 6/1, 6/3.—*Reuter.*

MURDER TRIAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

"seeing that I was in danger I was forced to draw the revolver at him, though unintentionally. I was trying to turn it away from myself when it went off, and the bullet struck him, though I never meant it to do so."

When the defendant was examined by a doctor, a few scratches and abrasions were found. These injuries were quite slight, and one could not say from that, that the Indian had used any great violence, as made the defendant fear for his life.

The defendant's clothing was earth-stained as though he had been on the ground, and there were scratches on the grip of his truncheon, and on his holster. There were no marks inside the holster that showed the revolver had been discharged in it or partially in it. Had that been the case, there would have been signs of burnt powder present. The revolver had been discharged, and the bullet, which entered the body of the Indian, was found to be of the same calibre as would be fired by the defendant's revolver. There were also scratches on the muzzle of the revolver. There was nothing to indicate that the revolver belonging to the Indian had been drawn.

On the morning of the 25th, the defendant was charged at the Central Police Station with murder, when he made a statement to the effect that the Indian told him the Inspector had been round and he had told him that he had seen the defendant, otherwise the Indian added, he (defendant) would have got into trouble. The Indian then made an indecent suggestion, and offered to give the defendant a gold ring which he was wearing. The defendant was thrown to the ground, and, getting angry, abused the Indian in the Cantonese dialect, threatening to report him to the Police Station. When the shot was fired the Indian fell to the ground, and screamed.

There was nothing whatever, said Mr. Hazlerigg, to corroborate that statement, although the Indian was wearing a ring. The defendant alleged the Indian tried to commit an offence, within a few yards of a bright street lamp, and the public highway, and when they were liable to be visited by an Inspector at any minute. He did not think anyone in their right senses would attempt such a thing, at such a place.

Judging by what the defendant said to the interpreter, it would seem to be clear that the defendant was controlling the movements of the revolver, and there was no suggestion by the defendant that the Indian attempted to draw his own revolver or truncheon.

Mr. Hazlerigg submitted that the Chinese constable was not in any danger of his life, and that he had no reasonable grounds for supposing such to be the case. It would therefore be entirely unnecessary for him to aim his revolver at all. The actual pulling of the trigger "might have been unintentional. If that was so, then his submission was manslaughter.

Evidence was later called, and the case is proceeding.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, Feb. 21.

To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

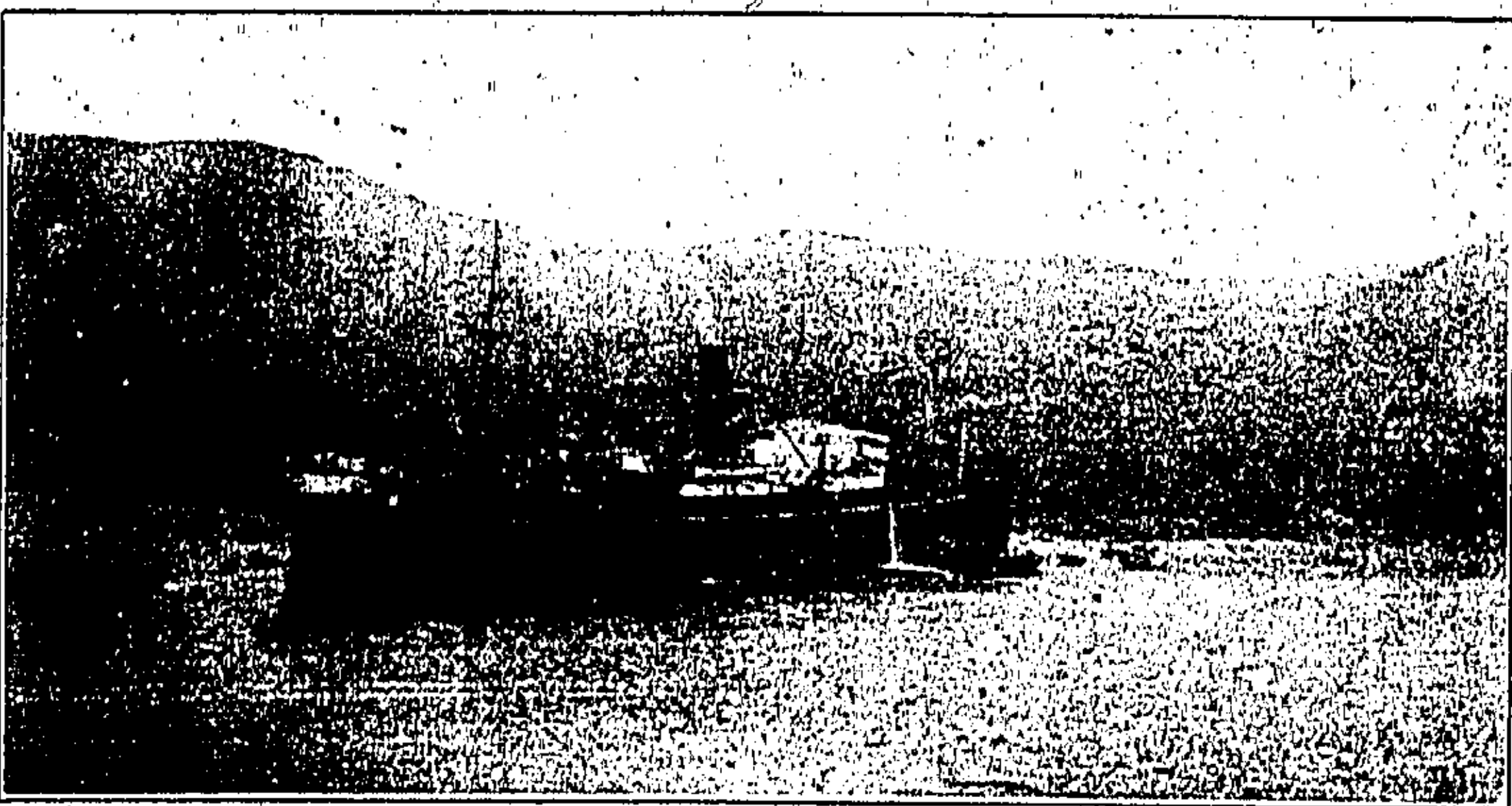
Paris	137
Brussels	107
Amsterdam	12.14
Berlin	20.425
Copenhagen	18.63
Vienna	34.55
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	2 1/2
Buenos Aires	45 1/2
Shanghai	3/10 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
New York	4.86 1/2
Geneva	25.26 1/2
Milan	120.95
Stockholm	18.75
Oslo	22 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	24.53
Rio	7 5/16
Bombay	1/6 9/64
Hongkong	2/4 1/2
Silver	35 1/2

British Wireless.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY.**WALES VICTORIOUS.**

London, Feb. 20. In the hockey international, played to-day at Dublin, Wales beat Ireland by four goals to three.—*Reuter.*

PICTURES OF THE ALTAI MARU.



The above interesting pictures show the Altai Maru as she lies stranded at Fo-Tan-Man Pass. Photos kindly supplied by Mr. G. H. M. Bannerman.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

CHINESE GETS SIX MONTHS.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, Mr. Justice Wood was engaged in hearing an accusation of manslaughter brought against a Chinese.

From the evidence of the prosecution, for whom Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith appeared, it appeared that a number of coolies were working at Morrison Hill on January 8th, and were filling trucks with earth. Some of the coolies started to joke with each other, and this led to blows; when, it was stated, the defendant caught hold of another man by the hair of the head, and punched him in the region of the stomach. After the fight, the Chinese—who died afterwards—was still standing, and picked up a stone which he tried to throw, but collapsed before he could do so.

Mr. Whyte-Smith read a statement from Dr. E. P. Minett, who made a post-mortem examination, in which he said there were no external signs of violence. He discovered a V-shaped rupture of the spleen, one side of which was about 2½ inches, and the other 1½ inches long. The spleen was enlarged and death had been caused through the rupture and hemorrhage. It could have been caused by a blow of the fist.

At the Police Court it was stated the defendant said the workmen began to joke and then call each other names. The man who struck the Chinese ran away, as did the others, but he (defendant) did not run away. The foreman came along, arrested him, and took him to the Police Station, telling him to be quiet, as he would be bailed out. Defendant thought nothing serious would happen.

This morning the prisoner denied striking the blows. Two of the coolies, he said, had a fight, and both fell down, after which one of the fighters ran away. The foreman was not present at the time and did not know who was fighting.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty and added a rider to the effect they were not of the opinion there was any malicious intent to kill.

The defendant was sent to prison for six months with hard labour.

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NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

An extraordinary general meeting of the "Star" Ferry Company, Limited, was held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Company, Limited, to-day at 12.30, when there were present the Chairman (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard), Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Director), Mr. M. H. Turner (Company's Solicitor), Mr. F. H. Crappell (Acting Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. S. Bailey, A. W. Smith, J. P. Bragg, J. F. Gross, J. T. Bagrum, R. J. Paterson, S. M. Churn, H. Shrubsole, E. Sadick, E. M. Raymond, and P. M. N. de Silva.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as indicated in the notice which has just been read, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering and, if approved, confirming this new set of Articles of Association. The existing Articles of Association are not complete, as it is desirable they should be; and they have, therefore, been revised in accordance with the latest local pattern. There is, however, no alteration in them of any consequence, and so I will not detain you by referring to them in detail. But if any shareholder desire any information on any particular point, I shall be pleased to give it. And now I beg to propose the following resolution as an extraordinary resolution:—"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

Seconded by Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the resolution was carried unanimously.

A further extraordinary general meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th March, at 12.30 for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of to-day's meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, the above resolution.

BANDITS ACTIVE.

KIDNAPPING NEAR NORTH RIVER.

According to reports to hand, bandits are again very active in the North River district, especially from Ying Tak and Fut Kong up to Ma Pah.

The worst case reported is from Fut Kong, where, on the first day after the Chinese New Year holidays, a big gang of bandits made their appearance and kidnapped over 120 people, both male and female. These unfortunate people were at the time on their way to the market town of Shek Kok, and they were ruthlessly carried off without the least warning.

The people of the district have reported the affair to the headquarters of the Local Guards who, in co-operation with the troops, are endeavouring to effect the release of the captives and at the same time to round up the bandits.

THE BEGGAR NUISANCE.

TEN DEPORTEES RETURN.

Some forty beggars were sent away to Canton last week.

A batch of ten sent up one day returned by the same steamer, as they had not the means or were not allowed to land in Canton, and the authorities dealt with the problem by deporting the lot on a police launch to Deep Bay in Chinese territory and dumping them there. A benevolent Government had given each of the beggars the sum of ten cents, to make a fresh start.

ABSENT JUROR.

ORDERED TO REMAIN IN COURT.

When the name of Mr. G. R. Edwards, Secretary of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency Co., Ltd., who had been summoned to attend as a juror, was called this morning, at the Criminal Sessions, he was found to be absent.

A Court official communicated with him, and when he appeared, Mr. Justice Wood imposed a fine of \$10, and ordered him to stay in Court for the rest of the hearing of the case in progress.

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PORTUGUESE VOLUNTEERS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In your issue of last Saturday, a reference was made to the fact that H.E. the Governor of Macao had accepted an invitation from the Portuguese unit of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps to participate in their forthcoming celebrations.

It strikes me, as a Britisher, that the local Portuguese could do worse than follow the footsteps of their Shanghai compatriots. I feel sure their willing services would be heartily appreciated, especially in these times, and it only remains for a worthy leader to give them the necessary impetus.—Yours, etc.,
ENGLISHMAN.

Hongkong, February 22, 1926.

SHIPBUILDING DISPUTES.

NEW CONCILIATION MACHINERY APPROVED.

Rugby, Feb. 21.

The detailed result of the ballot of Unions affiliated to the Federation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades on the ratification of an agreement establishing new conciliation machinery for the avoidance of disputes in the shipbuilding industry, shows that there were 9,096 votes for the agreement and 2,776 votes against. In addition to the ballot returns, ten Unions intimated their acceptance of the agreement and did not take a ballot vote.—British Wireless.

PROTECTING PURCHASERS.

REPORT ON SHORT WEIGHT AND MEASURE.

Rugby, Feb. 21.

The Food Council, which under the Chairmanship of Lord Bradbury has been investigating the question of short weight in regard to articles of food retailed by shops, has issued its report, which contains many recommendations for the protection of purchasers.

Inter alia the Council recommends that all packages containing foodstuffs should be clearly marked with the net weight at the time of packing or importation, which ever is the later. Warranty clauses by persons resident outside the United Kingdom should not be available as a defence. The Council specifies the number of articles which it recommends shall be retailed exclusively by net weight, including jam, meat, and cereals. The Council does not suggest that the giving of short weight and measure is generally prevalent in the retail trade of the country but states that the local authorities are emphatically of the opinion that further protective legislation is called for.

It is anticipated that legislation giving effect to the Council's proposals will be introduced by the Government during present Parliamentary session.—British Wireless.

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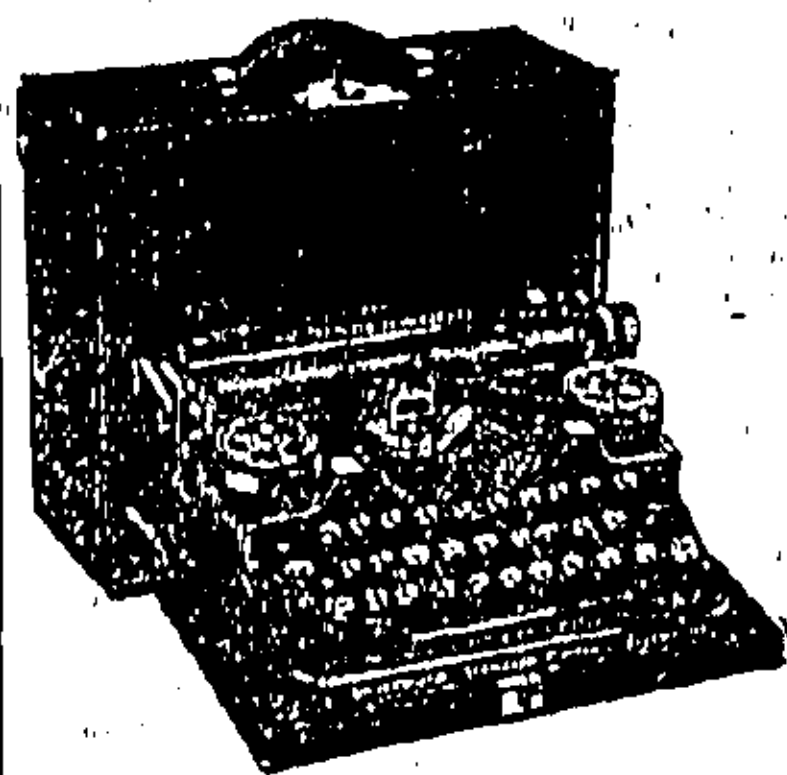
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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A Satisfactory Year.

The 13th annual general meeting of the University Union, held on Friday last, was one which very few of those who attended could forget. The attendance was something to be proud of. Mr. C. L. M. Ma, the retiring chairman presided.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ong Chong-keng, read the following report for the year:

The outstanding feature was the great number of occasions that the Union met to do honour to great men.

A memorial meeting in honour of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, held on March 22nd, 1925, and a contribution sent to Canton towards Dr. Sun's Memorial Fund, were unmistakable tokens of the high regard and esteem of the University Union for one of the greatest Chinese of modern times.

On November 11th, 1925, the Union welcomed His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, and on the same evening the Union met to say farewell to one of its Vice-Presidents, Sir Claude Severn, one who did so much for the Union, on the athletic, as well as on the social side.

The concert, given to commemorate the Chinese National Day, was a pronounced success, and the dance was much enjoyed by those who participated. Though the expenditure was about \$300 in excess of the income, yet this loss was justifiable in view of the fact that the concert was so well attended.

Athletics.

The athletic activities of the Union were carried on with as much popularity and enthusiasm as ever. The Cricket Club possesses some good players, while the University team again topped the students' Basketball League last year. The Tennis, Football, Hockey and Billiard Clubs are still flourishing.

The absence of a swimming pool is a great drawback to one of the best pastimes in summer, but it is hoped that a bathing beach will be procured for the use of the Union. Another suggestion, which will cause the Union no expense, but will benefit its members tremendously, is the holding of inter-collegiate debates.

The Union is very grateful to Sir Paul Chater for a donation of \$2,000 used for the Shanghai trip and Mr. Edward Ip-Ting who represented the Union in a number of conferences in Europe.

The financial position was briefly explained by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. Forster, the accounts were satisfactory, and they were passed, after some questions were asked about the Magazine and the Shanghai trip.

The editor was called upon to answer questions concerning the magazine.

On the whole, the Union passed through a successful year and for this the Union Council, especially Mr. Ong Chong-keng, and Mr. L. Forster deserve thanks from members of the Union.

The following changes proposed by Mr. Ong Chong-keng and seconded by Mr. Lim Pak-tye were approved and adopted: (a) That H. E. the Governor who is ex-officio President of the H. K. U. Union, should be made ex-officio Patron of the H. K. U. Union; (b) That in future all chairmen of the H. K. U. Union should be called Presidents of the H. K. U. Union.

The following were elected officers for the year: President, Mr. Ng Bow-poo; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Leong Hoe-feng; Independent Members, Mr. Lee Choon-ong; Mr. Lim Chuan-hoe.

The meeting terminated with an address by Mr. Ng Bow-poo, the new President of the H. K. U. Union.

TRADE UNION LEADER

SHOT.

POLICE CONSTABLE DETAINED.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.

A message from Drumheller, Alberta, says that Jack Nolan, Alberta organizer of the United Mineworkers of America, well-known boxer, was shot dead by a policeman, who arrested him for assault. It is understood that Nolan first attacked the constable, who, without warning, shot him in the abdomen. The constable has been detained at the police barracks.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE CHINA STATION.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

Arrival of the Vladivostok.

Comdr. G. B. Spicer-Simson, D.S.O., R.N., who was 50 years old on Jan. 16, has been general secretary of the International Hydrographic Bureau since its establishment as the outcome of the Hydrographic Conference in London in 1919, of which he compiled the official report. He entered the Navy in 1890, and has been engaged on hydrographic surveying work since 1897.

It was he who made the first triangulated survey of the Upper Yangtze River. The International Bureau does a valuable work for the shipping of the world in co-ordinating survey methods and map and chart production. Its headquarters are at Monaco.

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on Jan. 15:—Commd. Bosni, T. R. Wilson, to Tamar, addl. (Jan. 21), and for Hongkong Dockyard (from date of joining).

H. M. S. Vendictive, Captain Ronald Howard, on her way out to China, arrived on Jan. 16, at Port Said. The following is the programme for the rest of her passage: Suez, Jan. 20; Aden, Jan. 25-27; Colombo, Feb. 4-7; Singapore, Feb. 13-16; Hongkong, Feb. 22. The Vendictive will replace the Concord, Captain C. E. Kennedy-Purvis, which has been lent to the China Station from the Mediterranean during recent months.

H. M. S. Bluebell, one of the four sloops maintained on the China Station, was scheduled to complete refitting on Jan. 19 at Hongkong. The two years in command of this vessel of Commander A. R. Smithwick, D.S.O., have nearly expired, and he is to be relieved shortly by Commander G. C. Maurend-Gould, D.S.C., who during the past year has taken a course at the Military Staff College, Camberley.

TITLED "UNDESIRABLES."

LADY CATHCART'S
RESPITE.

New York, Feb. 19.

Lady Cathcart, in her petition for a writ, alleged that she was illegally detained at Ellis Island. She admitted that she had gone to South Africa with the Earl of Craven, but denied that this constituted moral turpitude.

A new lawyer, a Mr. Garfield Hays appeared in the case to-day. He has been engaged on Lady Cathcart's behalf by representatives of several American women's organisations.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington, Feb. 19.

The Socialist, Mr. Berger, has introduced into the House of Representatives, an amendment to the immigration law admitting all aliens to the country, except those convicted of felony. Mr. Berger declared that the exclusion of Lady Cathcart, Countess Karolyi and Mr. Saklatvala on grounds of "moral turpitude" showed the danger of conferring discretionary power on officials. If exclusion on the ground of indiscretion were to become the practice of all Governments, many wealthy and prominent Americans would find themselves barred from other countries.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Not Seeking Publicity.

New York, Feb. 20.

Lady Cathcart, in an interview, replying to a remark attributed to Mr. Davis, Secretary of Labour, suggesting that she came to New York to seek publicity, said: "Would any sane woman plan a stunt like this? I came here to be quiet. I hate publicity. This sort of thing does not please any decent woman." It is stated that the argument to be submitted to the court on Tuesday on Lady Cathcart's behalf is that intimate relations with the Earl of Craven, which she admitted, does not involve moral turpitude within the meaning of the immigration statutes, nor is classifiable as a crime or misdemeanour under the laws of England, South Africa or the Federal laws of the United States.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH MINERS'

A THREATENED STRIKE
AVERTED.

Paris, Feb. 20.

The threatened miners' strike has apparently been averted. District settlements have been reached practically everywhere.—*Reuter.*

POLAND'S CANDIDATURE.

CONFLICTING BRITISH AND
FRENCH POLICIES."Britain's Rather Unfriendly
Attitude."

Paris, Feb. 20.

The interesting fact in the controversy regarding Poland's candidature to the League Council, says Pertinax, in the *Echo de Paris*, is in the bringing into the limelight the conflict of British and French policies.—*Reuter.*

Warsaw, Feb. 20.

The British Minister, Sir Max Muller, conferred for one hour with the Premier, Count Skrzynski, regarding Poland's candidature to the Council, upon which the Press hope Poland will obtain a seat "despite Britain's rather unfriendly attitude."

The zloty fell yesterday, after remaining steady for two months, apparently as the result of speculation.—*Reuter.*

London, Feb. 21.

Diplomatic circles, it is now said, are of opinion that at the meeting of the League in March, other candidatures than Germany to permanent seats on the League Council, will not be formally proposed, but postponed to the September session of the League, but opinions differ with regard to whether agreement in this sense can be reached between the powers, unless Spain and Poland receive assurances that the League states will not oppose the grant of a permanent seat to the former and an elective seat to the latter in September. French diplomacy is reported to be endeavouring to secure such assurances.—*Reuter.*

Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY.

HIS VISIT TO THE
FAR EAST.Chinese Secretaries to Take
University Course.

London, Feb. 20.

Sir Arthur Key-sall Yapp, K.B.E., national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who is leaving London on February 25 to tour India and the Far East, said his work would begin in Bombay. Two or three conferences had been arranged for Calcutta. He will then go to Rangoon and Singapore, where he will spend three or four weeks, then a fortnight in Japan, whence he will leave for Canada.

Big developments were pending in India, for example, organisations for advising, time-expired soldiers of emigration prospects within the Empire and Y.M.C.A. work on military transports.

He will discuss with their friends in China the proposal to send to England two or three Chinese secretaries of local branches for an extended course at Oxford or Cambridge.—*Reuter.*

A cable received by the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong during the week-end stated that Sir Arthur is expected to arrive here on the P. & O. s.s. Khyber on April 29, en route for Shanghai.

SHANGHAI GAOL
SENSATION.ALL WERE DESPERATE
CRIMINALS.

Four Prisoners Commit Suicide.

Shanghai, Feb. 20.

The Shanghai gaol convicts who made the attempt to escape from the French gaol were convicted of armed robberies. Their attempt to break out of the prison had evidently been long prepared. Four, who failed to escape on Wednesday night, committed suicide on Thursday. Several of the wounded men are not expected to recover.—*Reuter.*

VIENNA ARSENAL
MACHINERY.RUSSO-AUSTRIAN
NEGOTIATIONS.

London, Feb. 20.

According to the *Morning Post's* Vienna correspondent, the Russo-Austrian negotiations relate to the Russian acquisition of a part of the machinery of the Vienna arsenal for the manufacture of articles of a peaceful character.—*Reuter.*

DUTCH POLITICS.

THE FAILURE TO FORM
A CABINET.

A Proposal to Dissolve Parliament.

The Hague, Feb. 21.

Over three months has elapsed since the coalition Government resigned owing to the Second Chamber deciding to abolish the Dutch Legation at the Vatican. It is now practically certain that Van Limburg will be no more successful than his predecessors in his efforts to form a Cabinet owing to constant obstruction from the Right, who desire to re-establish a coalition Cabinet under Collin.

The Left parties in opposition thereto are led by Socialists. A proposal has been made to request the Queen to dissolve Parliament. If the proposal is accepted a special sitting of the Second Chamber will be called on March 2nd and the Chamber consequently will request its own dissolution. It will be an occurrence unprecedented in the political history of Holland.—*Reuter.*

WEST INDIES STATION.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Vice Admiral Cowan.

London, February 20.

Vice Admiral Sir Walter Cowan, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the North America and West Indies station from June 1.—*Reuter.*

(Vice Admiral Sir Walter Henry Cowan, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., served at Benin and on the Nile in 1897 and 1898, being mentioned in despatches on both occasions. He was naval A.D.C. to Earl Roberts from 1901 to 1910, and received the rank of Vice Admiral in 1923.

During the war he took part in the battle of Jutland, and was captain of H. M. S. Princess Royal from 1916 to 1917. He commanded the first light cruiser squadron of the Grand Fleet from 1917 to 1920 and the battle cruiser squadron of the Atlantic Fleet from 1921 to 1922).

THE COMMUNIST
INTERNATIONAL.PROGRAMME AND PRINCIPLES
TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Labour Proposal Rejected.

Moscow, Feb. 21.

Addressing a session of an enlarged executive committee of the Communist International, in which thirty-two countries are reported to be represented, the President, M. Zinovieff, declared that the basic programme and tactical principles of the Communist International remained unchanged. The Communist International would reject the proposal of the Independent Labour Party to merge with the Second International.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN DEBT.
SETTLEMENT.PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S
CONCERN.

New York, Feb. 20.

An Associated Press message from Washington states that President Coolidge, interviewed by pressmen, expressed much concern in regard to the opposition to the Italian debt settlement, which developed in the Senate, and declared that he felt the failure of the Senate to ratify the agreement which the House of Representatives had already approved would serve to relieve Italy of any obligation to negotiate an agreement.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PETROLEUM TARIFFS.

SPAIN IMPOSES SECOND
SCALE ON ALL IMPORTS.

Madrid, Feb. 20.

A decree has been officially published applying the second scale of the customs tariffs to all kinds of petroleum and petrol imported into Spain regardless of the country of origin.—*Reuter.*

NAUGHTINESS A
DISEASE.WHY CHILDREN DEVELOP
"TANTRUMS."

Naughtiness is a disease of civilized life, said Dr. J. M. Hatfield, who spoke on mental and normal training in the pre-school period at the winter school of the women's Sanitary Inspectors' Association on January 4.

His own father, he said, had spent 50 years in the South Sea Islands, and had never heard any quarrelling among the native children. This was largely because they were allowed to do so they liked.

The number of things a child had to be made to do was extremely small, but it was important for parents to insist on the child doing whatever it was told.

To punish a child for not sitting down by smacking avoided the point at issue—if necessary a parent should be prepared to spend the whole afternoon making it sit down.

Rapid Growth and Food.

Professor V. H. Mottam, speaking on food in relation to growth and health, said that from 14 to 18 years a child was growing rapidly, and there were strong scientific reasons for giving the child more food than the adult.

There was little difference between boys and girls, but from 11 to 13 the girl was eating more than the boy, more than her mother, and actually more than her father. A boy of 16 should be given as much food as a person doing fairly vigorous outdoor work such as gardening.

"People hear these facts," added Professor Mottam, "and say, 'Oh schoolboys are all little pigs,' but modern research gives very strong evidence that a child at the age of adolescence should be getting more food than the adult."

FRANCE'S FOREIGN
CAMPAIGNS.TURKISH-SYRIAN TREATY
INNOCUOUS.

Moroccan Submissions.

Paris, Feb. 21.

The papers stress the purely pacific character of the Syro-Turkish treaty concluded at Angora.

The *Echo de Paris* says the Quai d'Orsay denies that France would have granted Turkey control of the Bagdad railway. The treaty provides no territorial cession, but precisely defines the frontier.

The *Matin* states that France's winter action in Morocco has been nearly without important operations, brought about by the submission of the greater part of the rebellious territory in the French zone. A total of 20,000 warriors is now left to Abd El Krim.—*Havas.*

THE BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

FRENCH AND GERMAN
POLICE CO-OPERATE.

Berlin, Feb. 20.

French detectives have arrived to co-operate with the German Police in investigating German ramifications in the Hungarian bank note forgery scandal. A German photographer named Schulze, who was arrested in connection with the affair, says some of the machines used in the manufacture of the notes were sent from Germany to Budapest.—*Reuter.*

THE LEVERHULME
COLLECTION.SALE OF PICTURES REALISES
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New York, Feb. 20.

The auction of the late Lord Leverhulme's collection of 296 pictures realised a grand total of over \$847,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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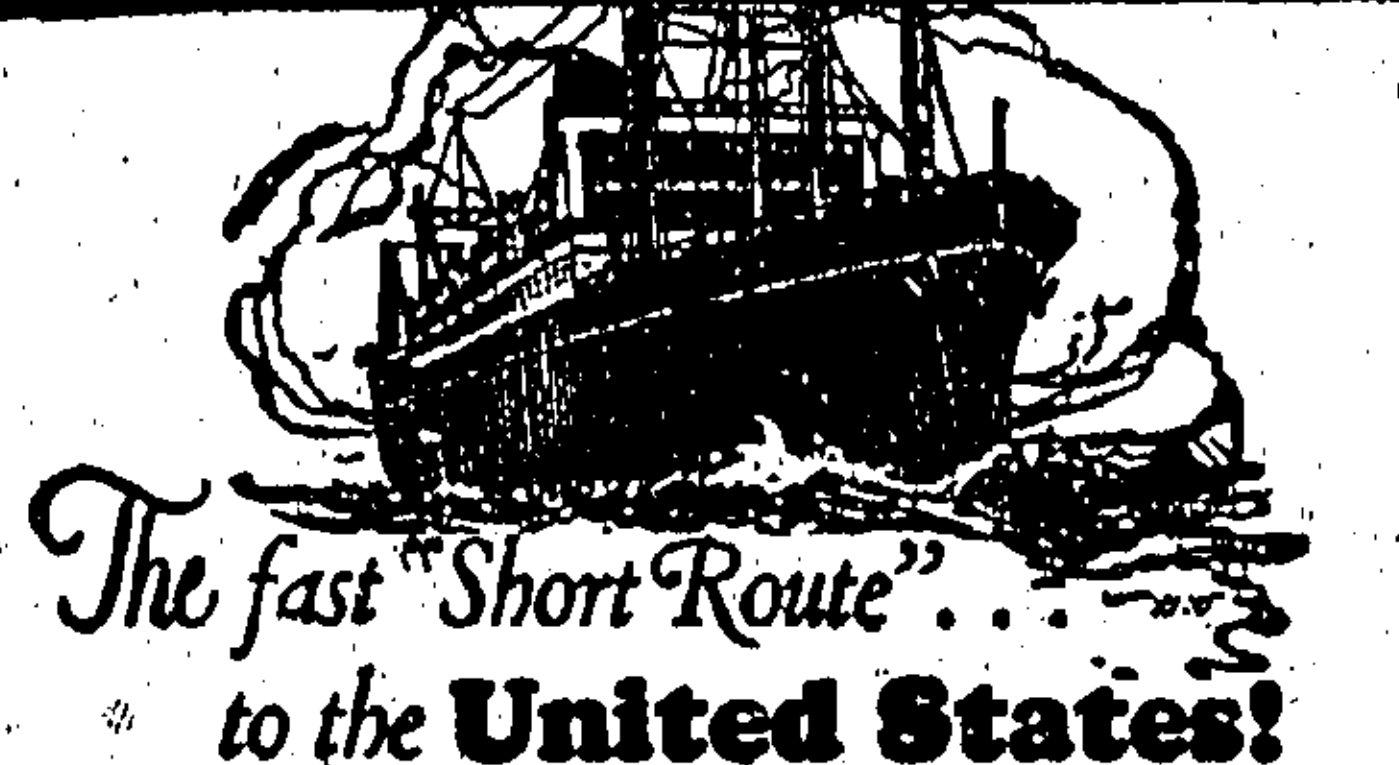
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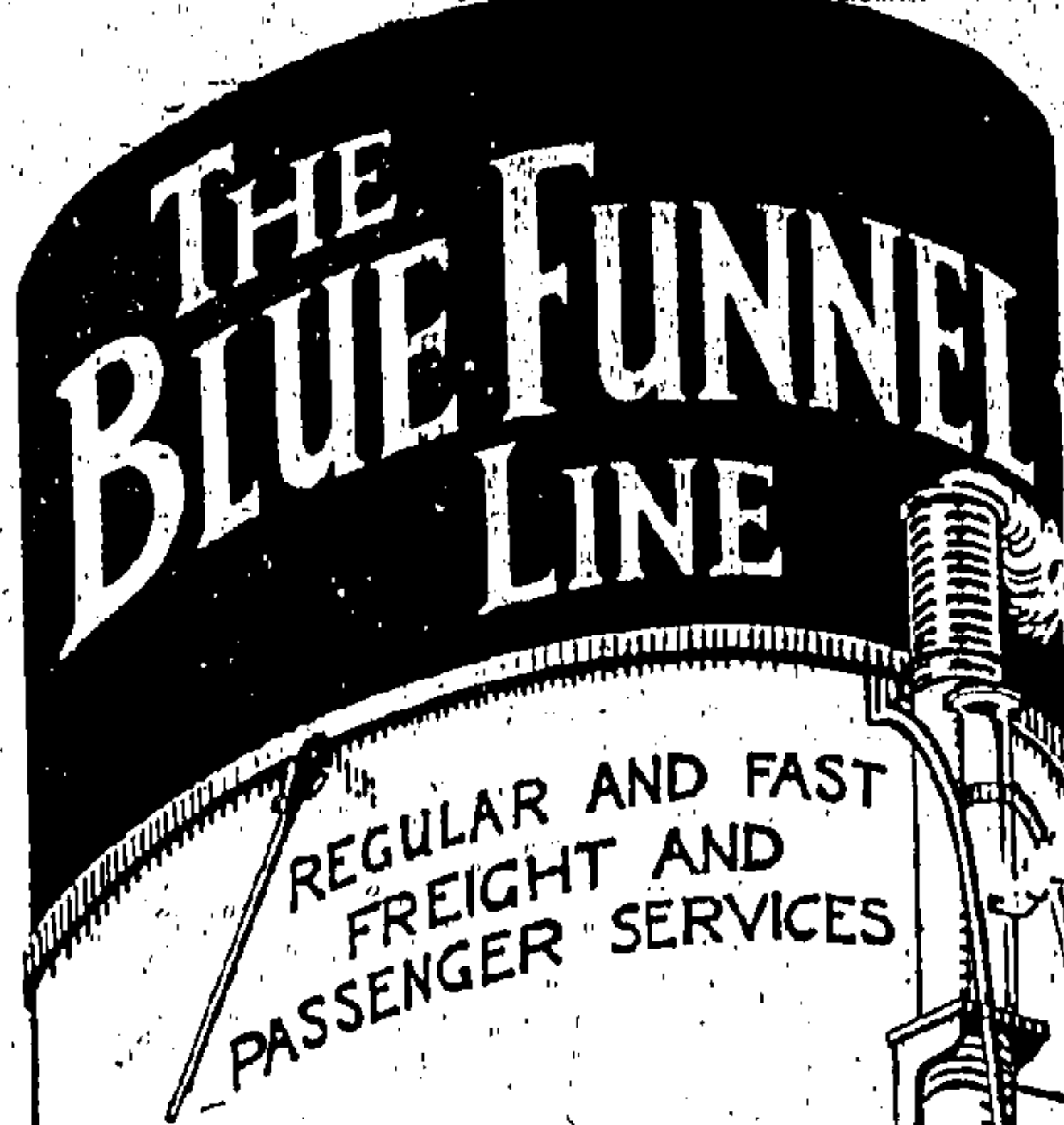
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KOBE, S'hai, Yokohama	Kumang	Sat. 27th Feb. at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via Chefoo	Chungshing	Wed. 3rd Mar. at noon.
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KOBE via S'hai & M'los	Kwalsang	Thurs. 4th Mar. at noon.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 5th Mar. at 3 p.m.
CALCUTTA via Straits	royang	Sat. 6th Mar. at 3 p.m.
KOBE & M'los	Fooksang	Mon. 8th Mar. at noon.
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WAR MINISTER SUCCEEDS
HSU SHIH-YING.

A Punitive Expedition Against Wu Pei-fu.

Peking, Feb. 20.
General Chia Teh-yao, War Minister, has taken over the premiership from Hsu Shih-ying, who has resigned. The Cabinet this evening drafted mandates appointing Generals Lu Chin-shan and Liu Tso-lung, tupan and civil governor respectively of Hupeh (on Hsiao Yao-nan's death Wu Pei-fu appointed Chen Chia-mo and Tu Hsi-chun respectively to these posts), also appointing General Pi Shou-chen, at present Tupan of the Tsingtao administration, to be tupan of Shantung, vice Chang Tsung-chang and General Tien Wai-chen, Civil Governor of Shantung, and finally, ordering a punitive expedition against Wu Pei-fu. —Reuter.

An Indictment.

Shanghai, Feb. 21.
At a Cabinet meeting at Peking yesterday, discussion was held as to a mandate that Wu Pei-fu be attacked on the ground that he holds Hankow and co-operates with the bandits to disturb the peace of Honan and Shensi, that Lu Kin-shan and Lau Cho-lung be ordered to suppress him, and that Yueh Wai-chun and Li Wan-lung be ordered to assist them.

The meeting had also to decide whether Lu Kin-shan be appointed the Tuchen of Hupeh, Lau Cho-lung the Civil Governor of Hupeh, Pat Shih-ching Tuchen of Shantung, Chue Yuk-pok the Associate

LOW RECORD.

FRANC FALLS AGAIN.

After a slight recovery yesterday, the franc resumed a steady downward course this morning, though there was no panic. It seems the movement is not due to speculation but mainly to the trade position. Once again the French are the principal sellers of francs. Many counted on a rise following the appointment of M. Doumer as Finance Minister, and M. Berenger, Ambassador to Washington, accordingly preferred to postpone as long as possible purchases of foreign currency for trade settlements, but they are disappointed that the outlook is still unpromising. The Government is bound to have the greatest difficulty in getting financial measures voted in both Chambers, which are completely at loggerheads, and failure to obtain cash will certainly entail fresh inflation. French investors are tending more and more to buy foreign securities, which involves an exodus of capital abroad. —Reuter.

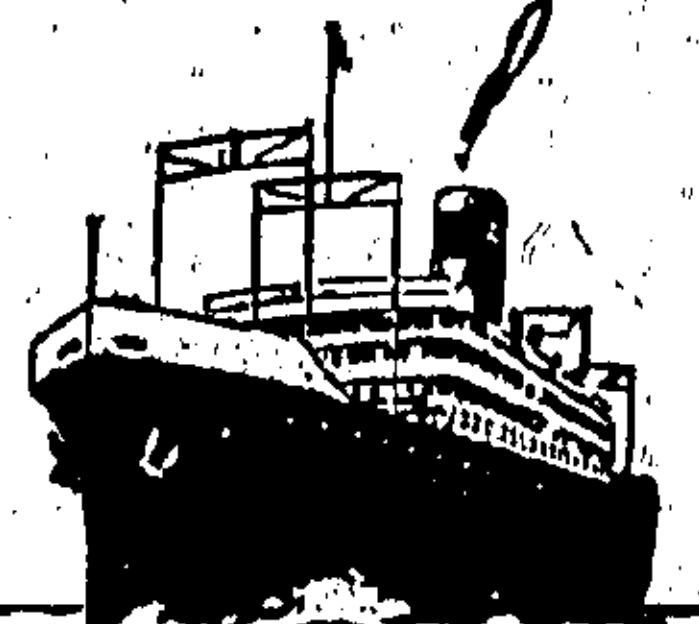
Commissioner, Tin Wai-kam the Civil Governor of Shantung, and Chang Chung-cheong be dismissed from office.

It was also tabled that Lau Cho-lung be sent to offer sacrifice to the late General Hsia Yao-nan; and Chang Yuk-tsun be appointed the Minister to Sweden and Norway. The meeting had not concluded at 6 p.m.

The mandates were due to be promulgated the same night. —Wah Kiu Yat Po.

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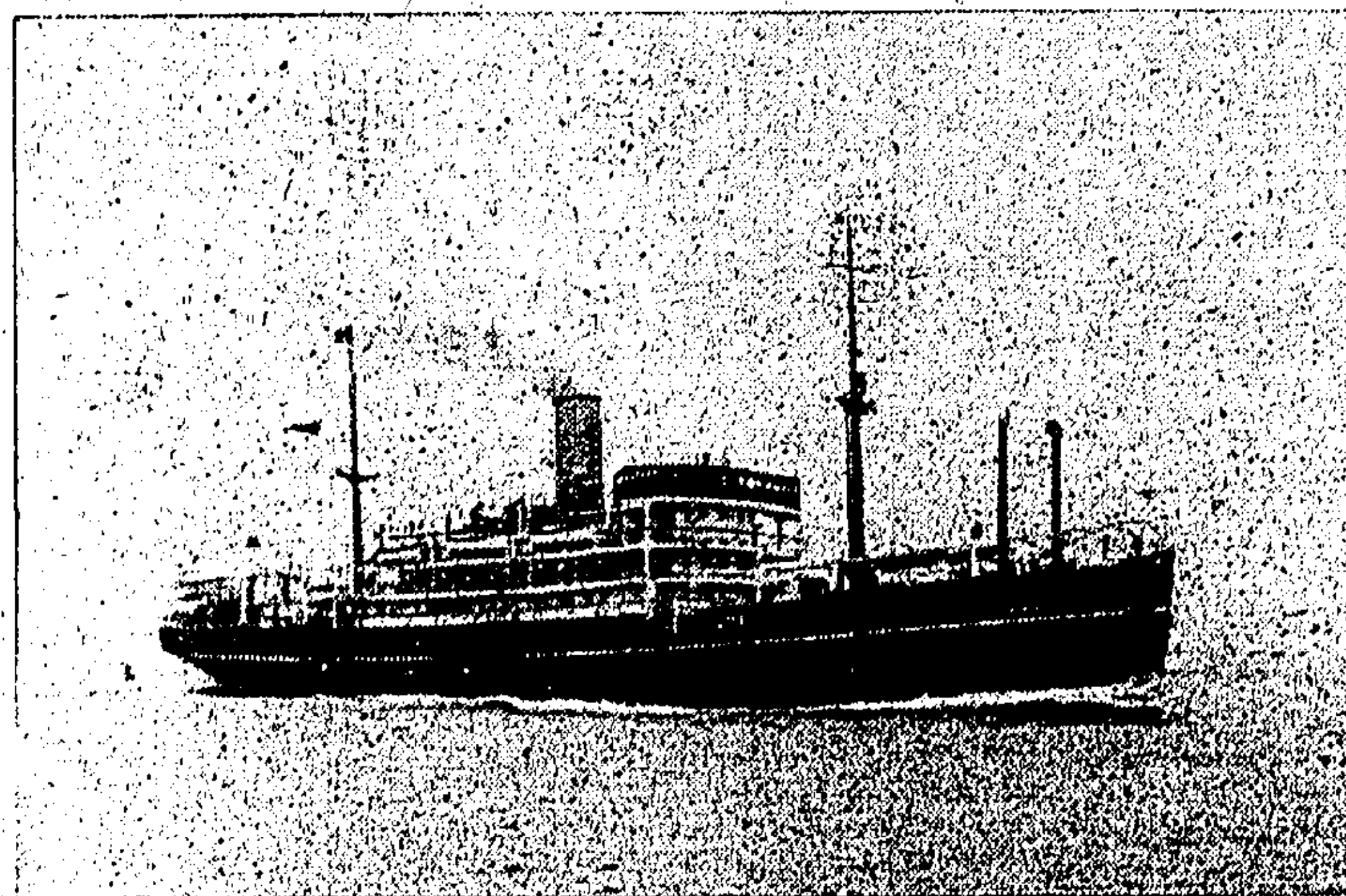
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MOREA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
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Japan	Mishima Maru	February 23
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Straits	Hakozaki Maru	February 26
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Taft	February 26
Manila	Emp. of Asia	February 27
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	March 1
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	March 4
Manila	Mantua	March 5
Shanghai		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date
Amoy	Chenau, Mon., Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
Wei-hai-wei	Kueichow, Tues., Feb. 23, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining, Tues., Feb. 23, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Automedon, Tues., Feb. 23, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai	Tikarung, Tues., Feb. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangchow, Tues., Feb. 23, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Mishima Maru, Wed., Feb. 24, 8.45 a.m.
Manila Thursday Island	Ginyo Maru, (Due Thursday 12.7th March) 9.30 a.m.
Japan and Honolulu	Ginyo Maru, Wed., Feb. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon	Yuensang, Thurs., Feb. 25, 1.45 p.m.
	Parcels, Thurs., Feb. 25, 2.30 p.m.
	Letters, Thurs., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 24th March).

Bangkok	Kwangtung, Wed., Feb. 24, 6 p.m.
Shanghai	Linsang, Wed., Feb. 24, 6 p.m.
Swatow	Mingang, Fri., Feb. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Halong and Saigon	Hanyang, Fri., Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Kumang, Tues., Feb. 26, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Marseilles, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru, Sat., Feb. 27, 1.45 p.m.
	Registration, Sat., Feb. 27, 2.45 p.m.
	Letters, Sat., Feb. 27, 3.30 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco, March 24).

Shanghai	Kanchow, Sun., Feb. 28, 9 a.m.
Salon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Angkor, Tues., Mar. 2, 1.45 p.m.
	Registration, Tues., Mar. 2, 2.30 p.m.
	Letters, Tues., Mar. 2, 3.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 2nd April).

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS AND TABLES.

ENGLISH CUP.

Fifth Round Results.

Clapton Orient	2	Newcastle	0
Milwall	0	Swansea	0
Sunderland	3	Manchester U.	3
Notts. City	0	Fulham	1
Southend	0	Notts. For.	1
Bolton	3	Sth. Shields	0
Aston Villa	1	Arsenal	1
Manchester C. 11	1	Crystal Pal.	4

Division I.

Burnley	1	Huddersfield	1
Cardiff C.	2	Birmingham	0
Leeds U.	1	Liverpool	1
Sheffield U.	3	West Bromwich	2
Tottenham	4	Bury	2
Leicester	2	Blackburn	1

Huddersfield	29	14	10	5	62	45	38
Sunderland	30	16	5	9	72	53	37
Arsenal	29	15	5	9	62	48	35
Sheffield U.	30	14	5	11	79	62	33
Aston Villa	28	12	8	8	62	50	32
Manch. Un.	27	14	4	9	47	42	32
Bury	29	15	2	12	67	63	32
Tottenham	29	12	7	10	53	57	31
Liverpool	28	11	8	9	48	41	30
Newcastle	28	11	8	9	59	54	30
Everton	31	14	9	56	59	30	
West Brom.	29	11	7	11	62	53	29
Bolton	28	12	5	11	56	56	29
Birmingham	31	12	5	14	53	60	29
Leicester	30	10	7	13	53	58	27
Cardiff	30	11	4	15	46	63	26
Blackburn	30	8	9	13	60	63	25
Leeds U.	30	10	5	15	51	60	25
West Ham	29	11	3	15	48	61	25
Burnley	31	8	8	15	55	83	24
Manch. City	30	7	9	14	70	82	23
Notts City	28	9	4	15	39	47	22

Division II.

Barnsley	2	Southampton	0
Bradford	0	Derby	0
Chelsea	0	Darlington	0
Middlesbro	4	Stockport	0
Portsmouth	0	Oldham	0
Wolves	0	Stoke	0

Wednesday	28	19	3	6	67	35	41
Derby C.	29	17	6	6	58	30	40
Chelsea	29	15	8	6	63	36	38
Oldham	28	14	5	9	53	39	33
South's Lds	28	15	3	10	56	42	33
Middlesbro	29	16	0	14	60	53	32
Blackpool	29	13	5	11	55	45	31
Port Vale	29	14	3	12	58	51	31
Swansea	26	13	4	4	53	40	30
Wolves	28	12	4	12	48	42	28
Darlington	30	10	8	12	53	54	28
Portsmouth	29	11	6	12	55	62	28
Bradford C.	29	10	8	11	34	43	28
Hull City	28	11	5	12	40	38	27
South'pton	30	10	6	14	47	47	26
Barnsley	29	9	8	12	43	56	26
Preston	28	11	3	14	45	64	25
Stoke	28	9	6	13	39	55	24
Fulham	28	8	6	14	32	59	22
Notts For.	28	7	7	14	30	50	21
Clapton	27	8	3	16	33	48	19
Stockport	30	6	5	19	37	72	17

Division III (South).

Aberdare	3	Norwich	1
Bournemouth	2	Marthyr	0
Bradford	2	Bristol C.	1
Charlton	1	Gillingham	0
Exeter	2	Luton	0
Reading	2	Newport	1
Swindon	2	Queen's Park	0
Watford	0	Plymouth	1

Reading	29	16	8	5	50	36	40
Plymouth	28	16	7	5	77	49	39
Bristol City	30	15	8	7	49	33	38
Brighton	26	13	6	7	60	50	32
Millwall	26	12	7	7	48	27	31
Swindon	28	13	5	10	47	42	31
Gillingham	30	13	4	13	43	36	30
Northants	27	12	5	10	55	50	29
Southend	27	13	2	12	54	45	28
Luton	29	11	6	12	57	54	28
Marthyr	28	10	8	10	48	48	28
Bournemouth	28	11	6	11	44	63	28
Bradford	29	12	3	14	47	65	27
Newport	29	10	6	13	41	49	26
Watford	28	10	6	12	46	59	26
Aberdare	27	10	4	13	53	49	24
Exeter	29	9	6	14	49	53	24
Charlton	26	7	10	9	28	35	24
Norwich	29	9	6	14	40	55	24
Bristol Rv.	28	8	6	14	45	46	22
Crystal P.	27	9	2	16	45	57	20
Q.P.R.	28	5	7	16	24	49	17

Division III (North).

Accrington	3	Nelson	2
Barnsley	1	Halifax	0
Barnham	2	Halifax	0
Hartlepool	2	Rotherham	1
Lincoln	2	Crewe	0
Rochdale	5	Grimsby	2
Southport	5	New Brighton	2
Trammore	3	Bradford	2
Walsall	3	Chesterfield	1
Wrexham	2	Ashington	3

Bradford	30	20	4	6	70	30	44
Rochdale	29	17	5	6	71	44	39
Grimsby	27	15	6	6	60	35	36
Chesterfield	27	15	4	8	62	35	34
Nelson	29	13	8	7	40	43	34
Halifax	30	12	9	9	41	35	33
Hartlepool	30	14	5	11	60	58	33
Ashington	30	11	9	10	51	40	31
Crewe	28	13	5	10	50	44	31
Durham	30	14	3	13	49	47	31
Cowthorpe	28	13	4	11	52	46	30
Doncaster	28	9	10	9	54	49	28
Accrington	29	12	3	14	54	73	27
N. Brighton	28	11	4	13	45	51	26
Lincoln	29	11	3	15	48	63	25
Trammore	28	11	3	14	44	62	25
Rotherham	28	10	5	13	40	65	25
Wigan	29	8	6	13	50	51	24
Southport	28	7	9	12	42	67	23
Wrexham	29	7	9	13	47	67	23
Walsall	30	6	4	20	42	89	16
Barrow	29	6	2	21	40	65	14

LAWN TENNIS.

FRENCH SUCCESSES.

New York, Feb. 20.
The first set of the Borotra and Tilden match was one of the most thrilling ever witnessed. Borotra from 5-5 always had the lead, but again and again, after winning the odd game, he succumbed to Tilden's terrific service. Borotra was twice within a point of set, and twice Tilden rose to the occasion with an untakenable service, but apart from his service Borotra was superior at every point of the game. The defeat of Tilden was a sensation and Borotra received a deafening ovation from the huge crowd.

Lacoste decidedly outplayed Richards. The latter displayed occasional flashes of brilliancy at the net, but Lacoste added to his usually steady baseline driving, a spectacular net attack, which kept his opponent chasing from side to side.

Brugnon, profiting by the example of his team mates, also carried his fight to the net, scoring France's third great victory of the day.

Crowd's Frenzied Enthusiasm.
Borotra's intrepid network and his sideline placing, and frequent magnificent backhand returns from a seemingly impossible position, all combined to overwhelm Tilden, who was pitilessly forced back from the aggressive to back line defence. Both men played on top of their form. There were rapid successions of spectacular rallies which aroused the frenzied enthusiasm of the crowd.

The Semi-Finals.
In the semi-finals of the indoor lawn tennis championships, Borotra, the defending champion, beat Brugnon 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, and Lacoste beat Van Ryn, the last American hope, 6-2, 6-1.

In the indoor doubles semi-final W. T. Tilden and F. G. Anderson beat J. Borotra and Rene Lacoste 6-4, 6-4.
Richards and Hunter beat Brugnon and Bailey 6-2, 6-2, and will thus meet Tilden and Anderson in the final on Monday. *Reuter's* says Lacoste took part in several American services.

GOLF.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL.

Playing at Fanling yesterday, in the semi-final of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, G. Leyton beat A. W. Shovelton, 2 up.

The other semi-final, between A. Brown and A. Humphreys, is to be played on Sunday next.

FOOTBALL AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 20.
South China played East China to-day and won by five goals to one. *Reuter.*

Shanghai Defeats Chinese Combination.

Shanghai, Feb. 21.
The Shanghai Interport team defeated the combined South and East China bootballers, by 5 goals to nil. *Reuter.*

SCOTTISH CUP.

	Third Round Results.	
0	Dumbarton . . .	3 Clyde . . .
7	Third Lanark. . .	4 Brechin . . .
	Falkirk . . .	0 Rangers . . .
	Morton . . .	1 Albion . . .
2	Aberdeen . . .	2 St. Johnstone . . .
1	Bathgate . . .	2 Airdrie . . .
0	Hearts . . .	0 Celtic . . .
1	St. Mirren . . .	2 Partick . . .
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Scottish League.

Clydebank	5	Kilmarnock	1
Hibernians	1	Queen's Park	1
Motherwell	2	Cowdenbath	1

39	Celtic.	27	17	6	4	66	29	40
34	Hearts.	29	16	6	7	59	40	38
34	Airdrie.	28	17	3	8	72	42	37
33	Motherwell.	30	15	7	8	57	37	37
33	Rangers.	29	15	4	10	61	43	34
31	St. Mirren.	29	14	6	9	41	35	34
31	Falkirk.	27	12	9	6	47	41	33
31	Kilmarnock.	29	13	5	11	62	64	31
30	Cowdenbath.	29	13	4	12	68	58	30
28	Dundee.	28	10	8	10	35	44	30
27	Dundell.	28	10	7	11	56	55	29
26	Arbroath.	29	9	8	12	41	41	29
26	Hibernians.	30	10	5	15	61	61	29
25	Partick.	26	7	10	40	48	33	29
25	Raith R.	28	10	3	15	38	35	28
24	Dundee Un.	28	8	5	15	33	33	28
23	Morton.	28	8	5	15	34	34	28
23	Johnstone.	28	8	5	15	33	33	28
22	Queen's Pk.	29	9	2	18	50	50	27
16	Glenbank.	29	7	5	17	47	47	27